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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Seventy-seventh Annual Meeting held at Chicago
October 10, 11 and 12, 1916

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF ILLINOIS

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, the seventy-seventh annual meeting was held in the city of Chicago, at the Oriental Consistory building, commencing on Tuesday, the 10th day of October, A. D. 1916, A. L. 5916, at 10 o'clock a. m., and was opened in ample form by Bro. Austin H. Scrogin, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

PRAYER.

Rev. Bro. R. Keene Ryan, the Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, lead the devotions.

Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we would reverently invoke Thy blessing at this time. Would'st Thou be pleased to grant that this meeting thus begun with prayer may be conducted in harmony and closed in peace. We beseech Thee, our Heavenly Father, that Thou would'st grant unto the members of this assembly the true Masonic spirit of brotherly love and truth, and may all of our deliberations during this convention be conducted in that spirit.

We beseech Thee, Oh, most great and mighty God, that Thou wilt guide and bless the government under which we live at this time; and, representing as we do the interests of this great state, in this meeting, we pray that Thou wilt bless the President of the United States, and that Thou wilt endow him with wisdom from on High, in order that at this time, when the world

seems to be on fire, when governments and rulers are losing their heads, and nations are filled with fear, we pray that Thou wilt rule, guide and control Thy servant, in order that he may rule this nation with justice and with equity; and grant, oh, Heavenly Father, Thy spirit upon him; may he pursue the ways of peace and lead the nation aright, in order that at the right time this nation may be used of Thee to restore order to a disordered world, and this we ask in Thy name and to Thy glory. Amen.

By direction of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Marshal retired and presented the flag, which was placed in the East while the brethren sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

MUSICAL PROGRAM.

The Grand Lodge was entertained with a delightful musical program by the following named brethren, members of Chicago Masonic lodges.

Bro. Arthur C. Kraft, Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611, tenor.
Bro. Geo. J. Hochleutner, Logan Square Lodge No. 891, organist.
Bro. Charles E. Gould, St. Cecilia Lodge No. 865, cornet.
Bro. Christian Helms, St. Cecilia Lodge No. 865, trombone.
Bro. Fred W. Sharp, Lakeview Lodge, No. 774, accompanist.
Bro. Geo. J. Kurzenknabe, St. Cecilia Lodge No. 865, accompanist.

At the close of the program Bro. Owen Scott said:

BRETHREN: If we did nothing else in coming to this Grand Lodge but listen to the strains of this Divine music, upon which I feel sure our souls have feasted, we would have served a good purpose. I move that a vote of thanks be extended to Bro. Geo. J. Kurzenknabe and all those who have assisted him in the sublime music to which we have just listened.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were expressed by a unanimous rising vote.

FIRST REPORT—Committee on Credentials.

Bro. Henry H. Montgomery, chairman of the Committee on Credentials, announced that representatives from a constitutional number of lodges were present, and asked further time to complete their report. The request was granted.

COMMITTEES.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary read the names of the brethren appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to serve on the committees during this session.

JURISPRUDENCE—Monroe C. Crawford, Owen Scott, George M. Moulton, William B. Wright, Chester E. Allen.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES—Joseph E. Dyas, William E. Hadley, Hugh R. Stewart, George N. Todd, Frank E. Locke.

CHARTERED LODGES—Phil C. Barclay, W. W. Watson, Harry W. Harvey, A. G. Trees, William H. Beckman.

LODGES, U. D.—Albert Jampolis, John Johnston, Benjamin A. Cottlow, Harry L. Browning, Delbert I. Duck.

CREDENTIALS—Henry H. Montgomery, Ira J. McDowell, George L. Ayers, C. N. Hambleton, Julius G. Strawn.

PETITIONS—John C. Weis, L. F. Childs, C. O. Faught.

OBITUARIES—Thomas G. Kerwin, Ralph W. King, Louis Zinger.

GRAND MASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT—Harry N. McFarlane, Edward L. Holmes, Everett R. Turnbull.

LIBRARIES—Charles W. Walduck, George W. Pumphrey, George L. Hilliker.

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS—Anthony Doherty, Maxwell Levy, Henry S. Wiley, Richard C. Davenport, Spruell C. D. Rea.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—W. F. Beck, Henry T. Goddard, Thomas S. Browning, Chas. H. Thompson, Charles J. Shaw.

FINANCE—Edward H. Thomas, Thomas A. Stevens, Edward W. Peterson.

NEW LEGISLATION—Alexander H. Bell, Elmer D. Brothers, James K. Lambert.

CORRESPONDENCE—Charles H. Martin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR MASONIC HOMES—Robert J. Daly, William A. Dixon, Louis L. Emmerson, Robert C. Fletcher, William D. Price, Irving Shuman, Ralph H. Wheeler, *ex officio;* Austin H. Scrogin, *ex officio.*

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JOSEPH ROBBINS MEMORIAL—Owen Scott, Alexander H. Bell, George A. Stadler.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MONITOR—Anthony Doherty, John W. Hill, Alonzo Dolan.

GRAND MASTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL—Austin H. Scrogin, Dan G. Fitzgerrell, Elmer E. Beach, Leroy A. Goddard, Isaac Cutter, George M. Moulton, Joseph E. Dyas, Albert Jampolis, Edward H. Thomas, Alexander H. Bell, Robert J. Daly.

REPORT OF GRAND MASTER.

At this time the Grand Master presented his Annual Report.

Previous to reading his report he announced that fifty out of the fifty-one District Deputy Grand Masters, the entire membership of the committees, except one who was detained at home on account of serious illness in his family, and all of the permanent members of the Grand Lodge, except Bro. Albert B. Ashley, Past Grand Master, who was in a Chicago hospital, were present at the session.

The report was on motion referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Report.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I come to you with a report of the year's work and while I have made an effort to be brief, I am aware that my message will appear long.

My purpose as Grand Master has been to serve rather than to rule and govern, and in serving I have found much pleasure. The duties of a Grand Master are varied and numerous, and at times it seemed as though I should not be able to fulfill but my many friends have always stood ready and willing to assist, and with their help I have managed to keep up the work. The opportunity to serve at the head of so noble an institution as a Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons is one that comes to but few, and I am conscious of a very great honor, but in addition to that, a wonderful benefit to myself. The examples of devotion, loyalty, zeal, sacrifice and enthusiasm that I have witnessed have been a splendid series of object lessons to me and I feel that I am a broader, kinder, tenderer and more devoted man and Mason than I was a year ago. The business of the office of Grand Master is so great that without help the incumbent must give practically his entire time to it and I have, with the able assistance given me on every hand, been permitted to follow my chosen profession without material interruption. My appreciation and gratitude are here expressed to one and all.

Necrology.

Let us bow our heads with reverence to the Supreme Architect of the Universe Who in His wisdom has called several of our members to their eternal reward.

Here let us record the death of one who served this Grand Lodge as its presiding officer:—

Bro. Wm. Hayes Scott, born at New Castle, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1830. He devoted the greater part of his life to educational and religious service. He was made a Master Mason in Harrison Lodge, No. 122, Free and Accepted Masons at Brandenburg, Kentucky, in 1851. In 1853 he affiliated with Metropolis Lodge, No. 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of this jurisdiction, to which he belonged at the time of his death. He served as Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1873. He was Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge from 1872 to 1874, and was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master in October of 1880 and was re-elected to this office in 1881. He died December 30, 1915. At rest in Presidio Cemetery, San Francisco, California, Masonic service having been held by Oakwood Grove Lodge No. 215 Free and Accepted Masons at Alameda, California.

The Committee on Obituaries will present to you a record of the passing of other prominent members of the craft in this and other jurisdictions.

Grand Master's Advisory Council.

Upon my induction into the office of Grand Master I requested permission to name a special committee to act in an advisory capacity to the Grand Master. The brethren named on this committee are by virtue of the positions they hold in the Grand Lodge the ones the Grand Master would naturally look to for counsel, and perhaps the only new feature is the forming them into a committee and calling them together at intervals. The Advisory Council has met four times, once immediately at the close of the last session of the Grand Lodge, twice during the recess, and once immediately preceding the opening of this session. I mention this to show that the new feature has not been an expensive one.

I have submitted every question of any importance to this council for their opinion, and in every instance have been guided by their advice, and I am frank to confess that the craft have been much better served than I could have served them without the assistance of these wise and experienced craftsmen. I am satisfied that the Deputy Grand Master and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens will testify that they have profited by their experience on this committee. I heartily recommend that provision be made by the Finance Committee for the expense of continuing it.

Distribution of Work.

Immediately after the close of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge I divided the state into three regions; the first, consisting of the first sixteen districts, the second, of the next seventeen districts, and the third, of the last seventeen districts, the German speaking lodges being assigned to the districts in which they are located. I asked the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden to act as the regional Grand Lodge officer of the first division, the Deputy Grand Master as that of the second division, and the Senior Grand Warden as that of the third division. I then notified the District Deputy Grand Masters to consult the Grand Lodge officer in their territory on all questions before presenting them to me. I also notified the lodges throughout the state to refer all questions to their District Deputy Grand Master before submitting them to me. My instructions to the regional Officers and to the District Deputies were that all interpretations of the law involving any question that the Grand Lodge had not passed upon should be submitted to me for my approval before being sent forth. I find that this system has been productive of much good. In the first place it has had the effect of keeping many unnecessary questions out of the Grand Master's office; it has dignified the office of District Deputy Grand Master to a considerable extent, and above all, it has brought work and experience to the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens.

I am mindful of a debt of gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Advisory Council, the regional Grand Lodge officers, and the District

Deputy Grand Masters, for their hearty co-operation and support in this work.

Special Dispensations.

A large number of special dispensations have been issued, detailed account of which will be printed in the proceedings.

Lodges Constituted.

At the Grand Lodge session of 1915 charters were issued to the following lodges and they were constituted as follows:

Anchor Lodge No. 980 on November 10, 1915, by Bro. C. L. Sandusky.

Trowel Lodge No. 981 on October 22, 1915, by Bro David D. King.

Sincerity Lodge No. 983 on October 26, 1915, by Bro. Harry W. Harvey.

Glencoe Lodge No. 983 on October 25, 1915, by Bro. David D. King.

Emblem Lodge No. 984 on October 20, 1915, by Bro. Harry W. Harvey.

Universal Lodge No. 985 on October 23, 1915, by Bro. William H. Bied.

Brotherhood Lodge No. 986 on November 3, 1915, by Bro. Harry W. Harvey.

Cyrene Lodge No. 987 on October 29, 1915, by Bro. William H. Bied.

Park Ridge Lodge No. 988 on November 5, 1915, by Bro. William H. Bied.

Hyde Park Lodge No. 989 on October 30, 1915, by Bro. Harry W. Harvey.

Clover Leaf Lodge No. 990 on November 8, 1915, by Bro. L. A. Tripp.

Welfare Lodge No. 991 on October 19, 1915, by Bro. Harry W. Harvey.

Lodges Instituted.

At the close of the last session of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master Burnap turned over to me the papers of Niagara Lodge U. D., to meet in the Masonic Temple, State and Randolph streets, Chicago, Illinois, he having granted dispensation to this lodge on October 4, 1915.

After careful investigation I have issued dispensations to the following lodges:

Leyden Lodge, instituted by Bro. James A. Steven, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Second District, on November 3, 1915, to meet at Carl Wagner Boulevard and Franklin Street, Franklin Park, Illinois.

True Blue Lodge, instituted by myself on December 9, 1915, to meet at Humboldt Park Masonic Temple, No. 3638 Armitage Avenue, Chicago.

Lawndale Lodge, instituted by Bro. Nicholas E. Murray, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth District, on January 26, 1916, to meet in Lawndale Masonic Temple, Chicago.

Sunrise Lodge, instituted by Bro. Richard E. Kropf, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Third District, on March 20, 1916, to meet in West Chicago Masonic Temple, Chicago, Illinois.

Integrity Lodge, instituted by Bro. Robert N. Holt, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the First District, on April 5, 1916, to meet at No. 1710 Cornelia Street, Chicago.

Paul Revere Lodge, instituted by Bro. Joseph J. Shaw, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth District, on April 20, 1916, to meet in Terminal Hall, Wilson and Clifton Avenues, Chicago.

Morgan Park Lodge, instituted by Bro. Claude R. Grover, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth District, on May 12, 1916, to meet at West 112th Street and South Hoyne Avenue, Chicago.

Baylis Lodge, instituted by Bro. R. D. Plattner, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirty-second District, on June 14, 1916, to meet in Baylis, Illinois.

Wayfarers Lodge, instituted by Bro. Robert N. Holt, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the First District, on July 5, 1916, to meet in Evanston, Illinois.

Portage Park Lodge, instituted by Bro. James A. Steven, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Second District, on July 19, 1916, to meet in Myrtle Masonic Temple, Chicago.

Fortitude Lodge, instituted by Bro. Maxwell Levy, Right Worshipful Grand Examiner, on July 19, 1916, to meet in Maplewood Masonic Temple, Chicago.

Application for Dispensation for a New Lodge.

Application was made to me in the early part of this year for papers for the purpose of forming a new lodge at Hurst, Illinois. I referred this question to Bro. Dan G. Fitzgerrell, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, who appointed a commission, consisting of three brethren located in the vicinity of Hurst, to make an investigation. This commission made a very complete report of the situation and recommended that a dispensation be granted. Upon the recommendation of this commission I issued papers to these brethren and a petition signed by twenty-six brethren was presented to me with the consent of two of the three nearest lodges, Williamson Lodge No. 802 having voted unanimously, and Herrin's Prairie Lodge No. 693 having voted almost unanimously to grant consent, and DeSoto Lodge, No. 287 having voted ten yeas and thirty nays. The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden has made a personal investigation and upon his recommendation I am presenting this petition to this Grand Lodge as provided in Code No. 639, and ask that dispensation be granted. All of the correspondence and papers in this application have been placed in the hands of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation.

Dedications.

The following dedicatory ceremonies have been performed by me since the Grand Lodge session of 1915:

Lawndale Masonic Temple at No. 2300 Millard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on October 16, 1915.

Circle Masonic Lodge Temple in South Oak Park, Illinois, on December, 4, 1915.

LaGrange Masonic Temple in LaGrange, Illinois, on January 27, 1916.

Auburn Park Masonic Temple in Chicago, Illinois, on February 12, 1916.

Rockford Masonic Temple in Rockford, Illinois, on March 6, 1916.

Granite City Masonic Temple in Granite City, Illinois, on May 13, 1916.

Corner Stones Laid.

On October 26, 1915, I laid the corner-stone of a public High School building at Jerseyville, Illinois.

On April 26, 1916, I laid the corner-stone of a new Masonic Temple at Danville, Illinois.

On June 7, 1916, Bro. Edward W. Peterson, acting as my proxy, laid the corner-stone of a new Masonic Temple at Virden, Illinois.

On July 6, 1916, I laid the corner-stone of a new Masonic Temple at Ipava, Illinois.

On July 15, 1916, I laid the corner-stone of Rogers Park Masonic Temple in Rogers Park, Illinois.

On July 20, 1916, Bro. Isaac Cutter, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, acting as my proxy, laid the corner-stone of a public High School building at Arthur, Illinois.

On July 21, 1916, Bro. Isaac Cutter, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, acting as my proxy, laid the corner-stone of the Lakeview Hospital in Danville, Illinois.

On September 9, 1916, I laid the corner-stone of Naperville Masonic Temple in Naperville, Illinois.

On September 16, 1916, I laid the corner-stone of South Chicago Masonic Temple in South Chicago, Illinois.

Duplicate Charters.

Evidence having been presented that the charter of West Gate Lodge No. 856 was destroyed by fire on December 30, 1914, I ordered a duplicate charter issued on January 8, 1916.

The charter of Princeville Lodge No. 360 having been destroyed by fire on January 13, 1916, and satisfactory evidence to that effect having been furnished me, I ordered a duplicate charter issued on February 14, 1916.

Removal of Lodges.

Past Grand Master Henry T. Burnap turned over to me papers containing an application for the removal of Triple Lodge No. 835 from Venice to Granite City, Illinois, and Code No. 348 having been complied with, I ordered the removal made on October 28, 1915.

Code No. 348 having been complied with, on September 29, 1916, I authorized the removal of Murrayville Lodge No. 432 from Woodson, Illinois, to Murrayville, Illinois.

Consolidation of Erie and Bollen Lodges.

My predecessor in office turned over to me papers containing proposals from each of the above named lodges, to be consolidated into one lodge under the name of Erie Lodge No. 667, to meet in Erie, Illinois, and all of the provisions of the Code having been complied with, I directed the Grand Secretary to issue a special charter as provided for in Code No. 692, and issued my proxy to Bro. Mark C. Keller, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth District, who constituted this lodge and installed the officers thereof on December 20, 1915.

Representatives Appointed.

There being a vacancy in office of Representative of our Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Tasmania, and having the recommendation of Bro. Gordon L. Andrews for this position, I directed that a commission be issued to him as Representative of our Grand Lodge near the above Grand Lodge.

Word having reached me of the death of Bro. James Hickford, Past Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria, and Representative of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, near the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and having before me a recommendation from the Grand Master of Victoria, I appointed Bro. Frederick Thomas Hickford, Past Senior Grand Warden and son of our late Representative, to fill the vacancy.

Having been advised of the death of Bro. W. G. Ibbotson, Representative of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois, near the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alberta, and having the recommendation from the said Grand Lodge for the appointment of Bro. Melvin M. Downey as such Representative, I directed that a commission be issued to him.

Vacancies Filled.

Bro. W. W. Thomas, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Forty-ninth District, died on November 13, 1915, and I appointed Bro. Chas. S. Bourque of Cairo, Illinois, to fill the vacancy.

Bro. W. H. Rupe, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Fortieth District having resigned on April 18, 1916, I appointed Bro. James Thomas Athey of Robinson, Illinois, to fill the vacancy.

Bro. John S. Snyder, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Forty-sixth District having resigned on April 11, 1916, I appointed Bro. Chas. F. Stoll of Lawrenceville, Illinois, to fill the vacancy.

Bro. Chas. S. Bourque having resigned from the Committee on Petitions, I appointed Bro. C. O. Faught of Altamont, Illinois, to fill the vacancy.

Bro. Albert Davis, member of the Committee on Petitions, died on January 10, 1916. I appointed Bro. L. F. Childs of Chicago, Illinois, to fill the vacancy.

On May 14, 1916, I received the resignation of Bro. Chas. E. Holmes from the Committee on Libraries. To fill this vacancy I appointed Bro. George L. Hillicker.

VISITATIONS.

I have always been a believer in visitations by Grand Lodge officers and have made it my policy to accept every invitation that I possibly could. A complete list of lodges visited, together with the dates, follows. On many of these occasions I was tendered an official reception, and in nearly every instance I addressed the lodge:—

October 14, 1915, America Lodge No. 889.....Chicago
October 15, 1915, St. Andrew's Lodge No. 863.....Chicago
October 21, 1915, Myrtle Lodge No. 795.....Chicago
October 22, 1915, Trowel Lodge No. 981 (constitution).....Chicago
October 23, 1915, Chicago Lodge No. 437 (golden jubilee).....Chicago
October 28, 1915, Wrights Grove Lodge No. 779.....Chicago
October 29, 1915, Exemplar Lodge No. 966 (banquet).....Chicago
November 2, 1915, Ashlar Lodge No. 308.....Chicago
November 8, 1915, Equity Lodge No. 878.....Chicago
November 15, 1915, Wm. B. Warren Lodge No. 209 (banquet).....Chicago
November 20, 1915, Bridgeport Lodge No. 386.....Bridgeport
November 22, 1915, Englewood Lodge No. 690.....Chicago
November 23, 1915, Garden City Lodge No. 141.....Chicago
November 29, 1915, Kenwood Lodge No. 800.....Chicago
December 2, 1915, Kilwinning Lodge No. 311.....Chicago
December 3, 1915, Oriental Lodge No. 33.....Chicago
December 7, 1915, North Shore Lodge No. 937.....Chicago
December 11, 1915, America Lodge No. 889, (P. M. reception).....Chicago
December 11, 1915, Wm.B. Warren Lodge No. 209 (installed officers)Chicago
December 11, 1915, Kenmore Lodge No. 947 (installed officers).....Chicago
December 14, 1915, Hesperia Lodge No. 411 (insalled officers).....Chicago
December 15, 1915, Old Glory Lodge No. 975 (installed officers)....Chicago
December 16, 1915, Rockford Lodge No. 102.....Rockford
December 21, 1915, Kankakee Lodge No. 389.....Kankakee
December 23, 1915, Kilwinning Lodge No. 311 (installed officers)...Chicago
January 4, 1916, St. Cecilia Lodge No. 865.....Chicago
Janaury 12, 1916, Shekinah Lodge No. 241.....Carbondale
January 14, 1916, Progressive Lodge No. 954.....Chicago
January 17, 1916, Union Park Lodge No. 610.....Chicago
January 20, 1916, Anchor Lodge No. 980.....Danville
January 22, 1916, America Lodge No. 889 (installed officers).....Chicago
January 26, 1916, Temple Lodge No. 46.....Peoria
January 29, 1916, Standard Lodge No. 873.....Chicago
January 31, 1916, Chicago Lodge No. 437.....Chicago
February 1, 1916, Watseka lodge No. 446.....Watseka
February 3, 1916, Vesper Lodge No. 584.....Galesburg
February 5, 1916, Wm. B. Warren Lodge No. 209.....Chicago
February 9, 1916, Stephen Decatur Lodge No. 979.....Decatur

February 11, 1915, Progressive Lodge No. 954.....Chicago
February 18, 1916, Kosmos Lodge No. 896.....Chicago
February 23, 1916, Rock Island Lodge No. 658.....Rock Island
March 3, 1916, Lincoln Park Lodge No. 611.....Chicago
March 8, 1916, Star in the East Lodge No. 166.....Rockford
March 9, 1916, E. F. W. Ellis Lodge No. 633.....Rockford
March 11, 1916, Brighton Park Lodge No. 854.....Chicago
March 21, 1916, Wm. McKinley Lodge No. 876.....Chicago
March 22, 1916, Bee Hive Lodge No. 909.....Chicago
March 23, 1916, Thos. J. Turner Lodge No. 409.....Chicago
March 25, 1916, Mizpah Lodge No. 768.....Chicago
March 25, 1916, Richard Cole Lodge No. 697.....Chicago
March 30, 1916, Boulevard Lodge No. 882.....Chicago
April 5, 1916, Jno. Corson Smith Lodge No. 944.....Chicago
April 6, 1916, True Blue Lodge U. D.....Chicago
April 8, 1916, Maywood Lodge No. 869.....Maywood
April 10, 1916, Kenwood Lodge No. 800.....Chicago
April 13, 1916, Belvidere Lodge No. 60.....Belvidere
April 15, 1916, Ashlar Lodge No. 308.....Chicago
April 18, 1916, Washington Park Lodge No. 956.....Chicago
April 20, 1916, Unity Lodge No. 48.....St. Charles
April 24, 1916, Kendall Lodge No. 471 (50th anniversary).....Yorkville
April 26, 1916, Anchor Lodge No. 980.....Danville
April 27, 1916, Palace Lodge No. 765.....Chicago
May 2, 1916, Fides Lodge No. 842.....Chicago
May 5, 1916, Wilmette Lodge No. 931.....Wilmette
May 12, 1916, Progressive Lodge No. 954.....Chicago
May 13, 1916, Granite City Lodge No. 877.....Granite City
May 17, 1916, Blair Lodge No. 393.....Chicago
May 19, 1916, Oriental Lodge No. 33.....Chicago
May 19, 1916, Prudence Lodge No. 958.....Chicago
May 23, 1916, Lounsbury Lodge No. 751.....Barrington
May 26, 1916, Rock River Lodge No. 612.....Sterling
May 27, 1916, Wm. B. Warren Lodge No. 209 (P. M. reception)...Chicago
May 30, 1916, Geneva Lodge No. 139.....Geneva
June 1, 1916, Ben Hur Lodge No. 818.....Chicago
June 3, 1916, Union Park Lodge No. 610 (children's party).....Chicago
June 5, 1916, Harvey Lodge No. 832.....Harvey
June 7, 1916, Meteor Lodge No. 283.....Sandwich
June 9, 1916, Bloomington Lodge No. 43.....Bloomington
June 15, 1916, Pleiades Lodge No. 478.....Chicago
June 17, 1916, Oak Park Lodge No. 540.....Oak Park
June 24, 1916, Andalusia Lodge No. 516.....Andalusia
June 20, 1916, Magnolia Lodge No. 103.....Magnolia
July 6, 1916, Jos. Robbins Lodge No. 930.....Peoria
July 11, 1916, Wm. McKinley Lodge No. 876.....Chicago
July 24, 1916, Universal Lodge No. 985.....Chicago
August 2, 1916, Sparland Lodge No. 441.....Sparland
August 7, 1916, Maplewood Lodge No. 964.....Chicago
August 8, 1916, Lawndale Lodge U. D.....Chicago
August 17, 1916, East Gate Lodge No. 923.....Chicago
August 31, 1916, Corner Stone Lodge No. 875.....Chicago
August 31, 1916, Kilwinning Lodge No. 311.....Chicago
September 7, 1916, Melrose Abbey Lodge No. 976.....Chicago

September 9, 1916, Welcome Lodge No. 916.....Chicago
September 13, 1916, Emblem Lodge No. 984.....Chicago
September 14, 1916, Thos. J. Turner Lodge No. 409.....Chicago
September 19, 1916, Matteson Lodge No. 175.....Joliet
September 23, 1916, Mizpah Lodge No. 768.....Chicago
September 28, 1916, Hesperia Lodge No. 411.....Chicago
October 3, 1916, Murphysboro Lodge No. 498, (50th anniversary).....
..... Murphysboro
October 4, 1916, Pleiades Lodge No. 478, (50th anniversary).....Chicago

In addition to the above visitations I had the pleasure of accompanying America Lodge No. 889 on a fraternal visit to Garfield Lodge No. 569 of Hammond, Indiana, on the evening of September 20, 1916.

I have also appeared before clubs consisting entirely of Masons, one of which is in connection with the Chicago University, one with the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, and another with a large mercantile concern located in Chicago. I visited the Standard Club in Chicago, and also spoke at a banquet of the alumni of the Acacia Fraternity.

On the occasion of my visit to Ashlar Lodge No. 308 on April 15, 1916, I had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of Bro. George O. Kellogg, Most Worshipful Grand Master Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, who was the guest of Ashlar Lodge on this occasion, and was accompanied by the officers and members of Kenwood Lodge No. 303 of Milwaukee Wis.

I also had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Harry B. Tuthill, Most Worshipful Grand Master Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, on the occasion of my visit to Mizpah Lodge on September 23, 1916. The officers and members of Pentalpa Lodge No. 564, of Indianapolis, Indiana, were present on this occasion and participated in the work.

Discipline.

Eldorado Lodge No. 730 *vs.* * * *

Information was presented to me that Bro. * * * * had been tried by Eldorado Lodge No. 730 for unmasonic conduct, and was found not guilty. The charges and specifications set forth that he petitioned Lake Creek Lodge No. 729 and was rejected, and on January 15, 1914, he petitioned Eldorado Lodge and made no mention of the fact that he had been rejected in Lake Creek Lodge. The trial took place in August, 1915, and the defendant practically pleaded guilty to the above charge. I ordered that a copy of the charges and the testimony in the case be sent to me and after reviewing the same I conferred with the chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, and on March 6, 1916, I set aside the verdict of the lodge and declared the defendant guilty; ordered that he be suspended from all rights and privileges of Masonry until this session of the Grand Lodge, and I now recommend that this case be submitted to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances for consideration and final adjudication.

ROCKFORD LODGE NO. 102.

On December 16, 1915, I attended the annual meeting of Rockford Lodge No. 102, and in view of the fact that there was sworn testimony in my possession, which had been taken by a commission appointed by me to try certain charges against two brethren in the above named lodge, in which the Senior and Junior Wardens of the lodge admitted to certain official misconduct, I disqualified the two wardens from holding any offices in the said lodge until after this session of the Grand Lodge. The circumstances surrounding this case are peculiar and I am satisfied that the misconduct of these two brethren was with the idea that they were benefiting the lodge. The fact that I disqualified the two wardens from holding office created an emergent situation and the lodge elected a brother to the office of Master, who had never served as Master or Warden of a lodge, and the requirements of the Code having been complied with, I granted dispensation that he be installed. The two brethren above referred to, I am creditably informed, have conducted themselves in a manner highly commendable as Masons, and have done everything in their power to further the interests of their lodge, and have rendered invaluable assistance to the Master, and I believe that they have been fully punished for their official misconduct, and would therefore recommend that they be restored to their former standing in the lodge.

BEN FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 962 *vs.* * * *

This petition was presented to the above lodge in regular form and his occupation was given as that of a "restaurant", meaning of course that he was a restaurant keeper. The petitioner was recommended by the Master, Senior Warden and one other brother. An investigating committee was appointed and reported favorably thereon to the lodge knowing that the facts had been misstated. The petitioner had been elected and had received the first degree when the case was brought to my attention. I ordered the Master not to proceed any further with the work, and requested Bro. Richard E. Kropf, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Third District in which Ben Franklin Lodge is located, to make a thorough investigation and report to me. This investigation developed the fact that this petitioner was a saloon keeper instead of being in the restaurant business, and in addition thereto, that his reputation was not the best. It further showed that the petitioner was a friend of the Master and that the misrepresentation contained in the petition was not chargeable to him but to the ones bringing in his petition. There is no question but that the membership of the lodge were entitled to the facts, and that when they voted on the petition they were not in possession of these facts, and the result of the ballot was not a true expression of the wishes of the members. I am convinced that our first obligation in cases of this kind is to the members of the lodges and that we should protect their rights, and hence I ordered that before this can-

didate be advanced to the second degree, a new ballot be spread at a meeting, the purpose of which all resident members should have due notice, and that the result of this ballot should have the same effect, so far as the second and third degrees are concerned, as if the petition were being balloted upon for the first time. I further ordered the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master to reprimand the brethren recommending the petitioner and the members of the Investigating Committee in open lodge. This reprimand was administered on June 16, 1916, and I am informed that the ballot was spread and the petitioner denied advancement. Reference to Grand Lodge proceedings of 1907, pages 78 and 79, will show a similar ruling.

I recommend that this case be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

State Schools of Instruction.

Complying with the Constitution, five schools of instruction have been held by the Board of Grand Examiners in various places, detailed accounts of which will be found in the report of the Board of Grand Examiners, printed in the proceedings. I attended each of these schools and was officially received.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois has devoted a great deal of time and attention to the study and exemplification of its ritual and ceremonies, and the efforts put forth have been amply rewarded. Very little attention has been paid to the study side of Masonry and to the development of the meaning of its lessons and symbolisms. The exemplification of the several degrees in Masonry, to a candidate, is of no value whatever unless it conveys to his mind a lesson, and surely this lesson will not be clear to him unless he devotes some study to it. Lodges cannot be expected to devote much time to the development of the intellectual side of Masonry without the Grand Lodge encourages them in so doing by setting an example. With this thought in mind I set aside the evening of the second day of each of the state schools of instruction for the reception of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and for the purpose of having a lecture on Masonry. In order to carry out this idea it was necessary for me to have assistance, which was cheerfully given by the following brethren who spoke at the state schools designated:

The Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, a distinguished craftsman of Iowa and editor of the "The Builder," which is the journal of the National Masonic Research Society, spoke at the state school at Peoria.

Bro. John D. Shoop, a distinguished educator and member of the craft of Illinois, spoke at the Rockford school.

Rev. R. Keene Ryan, Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, spoke at the Carbondale and Decatur schools.

Bro. Oscar A. Kropf, Right Worshipful Grand Orator, spoke at the Rock Island school.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois is indebted to these craftsmen for the distinguished service rendered.

District Schools.

As has been the custom for the past few years, ten district schools of instruction were held in various sections of the State and were very largely attended as will be shown by the report of the Grand Examiners printed in the proceedings. A member of the Board of Grand Examiners was in charge at each of these schools, and there is a growing sentiment that they are of greater benefit to the individual lodges in the district where held, than the state schools. A complaint is made that by virtue of the fact that the Grand Lodge permits the renewal of a Grand Lecturer's commission upon attendance at a district school, a great many of the local brethren are deprived of opportunities for instruction. If Grand Lecturers were required to attend the state schools in order to have their commissions renewed, it would surely have the effect of reducing the number of them present at the district schools and this would naturally give a greater opportunity for practice to the local brethren. The Grand Examiners are expected to ascertain as best they can whether the Grand Lecturers are keeping themselves proficient in the work, and in order to do this they use them in the exemplification at all of the schools. The question immediately arises as to whether it is more important to have the local brethren receive the practice, or to ascertain whether the Grand Lecturers are maintaining proficiency, and I am inclined to believe that the verdict should be given to the former.

This question is presented to this Grand Lodge to be disposed of as they deem best.

The Flag.

Masonry teaches that we "should be loyal to our government and obedient to its laws." No time in the world's history has been more in need of this sentiment than the present. No government, which human minds have formulated, is more worthy of loyalty from its citizens and obedience to its laws than ours. With this thought in mind, I took a great deal of pleasure in accepting a recommendation of the Board of Grand Examiners, which resulted in the exemplification of a ceremony at each of the schools of instruction held under their auspices throughout the year, for presenting and displaying the Flag of Our Country in the East of our lodges. I am proud to say that this ceremony has been adopted and practiced by nearly all of the lodges in our jurisdiction and has met with the hearty approval of the craft. In addition thereto, it has aroused a great deal of interest in other jurisdictions, and I am creditably informed, has been adopted by some. Masonry seeks to impress the great and fundamental truths and virtues upon the mind by the use of symbols. Is it then not most fitting that the

symbol of patriotism, the emblem of what our nation is and stands for, should float upon the air of our lodge halls and by its presence and the message of self-sacrifice, manly endeavor, and splendid heroism, which breathes from its folds, inspire that undying devotion to our country's cause which should characterize every true Mason?

"When Freedom from her mountain height,
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe of night,
And set the stars of glory there.
She mingled with its gorgeous dyes
The milky baldric of the skies,
And striped its pure, celestial white,
With streakings of the morning light.

"Flag of the free heart's hope and home!
By angel hand to valor given;
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in heaven.
Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us,
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,
And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us."

Grand Lecturers.

During the year, upon the recommendation of the Board of Grand Examiners, I have issued commissions to a number of brethren as Grand Lecturers, complete list of which will be printed in the proceedings.

I have long felt that the requirements for commissions as Grand Lecturers were not sufficient. As a matter of fact, the practice in the past has been to examine applicants for commissions in the ritual and forms only, while the law distinctly provides that they "shall be thoroughly examined as to their knowledge of the principles, laws, rules, regulations, customs and usages of the fraternity." I feel that it is important that this portion of our law should be complied with. Our jurisdiction has acquired an enviable reputation for proficiency in its ritual and forms, and I am heartily in accord with the idea of keeping up this good work, but feel that some way should be devised for increasing the study of the law, and I can think of no better plan than to require Grand Lecturers to become familiar with our constitution and by-laws. The method of doing this is a matter that will require some thought. It has occurred to me that the Jurisprudence Committee might compile a set of questions and answers based upon our entire Code, and submit them to the Grand Lodge for their approval, and they could then be published and would form a basis for an examination on the law. It is obvious that some method such as this must be adopted if we conform

to this portion of our law, because the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master are the only ones who can interpret the law.

I submit this for your earnest consideration.

Relief Tendered.

During January 1916, while the water was overflowing the banks of the Illinois River, I received the following telegram from the Grand Master of Ohio:—

"Mansfield, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1916.

Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master, Room 1020, 108 N. State St. Chicago.

Draw on me for one thousand dollars flood relief if situation demands. More later if required.

(Signed) F. H. Marquis, *Grand Master.*"

to which I replied as follows:—

"Chicago, Ill., Jan. 24, 1916.

F. H. Marquis, M. W. Grand Master A. F. & A. M., Mansfield, Ohio.

Dear Sir and Brother:—I acknowledge receipt of your telegram of January 22 and appreciate beyond measure your thoughtful consideration. The situation does not seem to be at all critical and there has been no relief asked for from our local lodges so far as I know. I am satisfied that Illinois will be equal to the occasion but assure you that we very heartily appreciate the spirit of your telegram, and I wish to thank you on behalf of the Masons of the state.

Yours fraternally,
Ralph H. Wheeler, *Grand Master.*

This is a splendid exemplification of the true spirit of Masonry.

Surrender of Charter of Cordova Lodge No. 543.

On October 22, 1915, Cordova Lodge No. 543, located at Cordova, Illinois, voted unanimously to surrender their charter on December 17, 1915, that being the last stated meeting of the year. I directed Bro. Carleton G. Taylor, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth District, to investigate and ascertain if Code No. 675 had been complied with, and in the event that it had, I empowered him to take action under Code No. 678 and take possession of the belongings of said lodge, make an inventory of the same and ship them to the Grand Secretary. Bro. Taylor attended the stated meeting of December 17, 1915, and carried out the provisions of Code No. 678.

Interpretations of the Law.

The question was raised as to whether Code No. 614 would debar a non-affiliated brother, who had held his dimit for one year or more, from signing a petition for a new lodge. This question was submitted to the Jurisprud-

ence Committee and they decided "that the provisions of Code No. 614 do not disqualify a non-affiliating Mason from signing a petition for a new lodge as provided by Code No. 635, inasmuch as such latter action can only be construed as a petition for affiliation."

That portion of Code No. 61, which provides for the formation of new lodges in the city of Chicago, seemed to be subject to more than one interpretation and hence I asked the Jurisprudence Committee to clear this question up, which they did by unanimously agreeing upon the following:

"The recommendation of any three of the six lodges domiciled nearest to the proposed location of a lodge to be formed under dispensation in the city of Chicago is sufficient, subject to the discretion of the Grand Master, to justify the issuance of a dispensation to form such new lodge, even though one or more of the aforesaid six nearest lodges may refuse to recommend the granting of such dispensation."

A Decision.

The question was raised as to whether lodges should carry life members on their roll and pay Grand Lodge dues upon them, when they had not been heard of for more than seven years. There is nothing in our Code that touches upon this question hence with the concurrence of the Jurisprudence Committee I decided "that the Worshipful Master should direct the Secretary of the lodge to report the names of such missing brethren, in the Grand Lodge returns, as being 'legally dead' and drop their names from the roll of active membership."

Members Changing Their Names.

I have had several instances come to my attention where a brother had received the degrees in Masonry under a certain name and subsequently had his name changed by the courts, or expressed a desire to his lodge that his name be changed upon the records. The question submitted to me was, "what procedure is necessary on the part of the lodge in order to have the brother's name changed." I directed that in either instance the brother make formal application in writing to his lodge to have his name changed, and that the lodge in turn apply to the Grand Lodge for permission to change the name upon their records, and have also referred these cases to the Committee on Petitions. When a brother receives the degrees in Masonry his name appears upon the records of the lodge in connection with the conferring of the degrees, and he also signs the constitution and by-laws of the lodge, and his name is reported to the Grand Secretary as a member of the lodge and this name is placed in the card index in the Grand Secretary's office. It is therefore necessary that some procedure must be observed so that a complete record will be had of the change in name.

The process outlined above insures a complete record of the procedure. I am of the opinion that the Code of our Grand Lodge should cover this question.

Grand Secretary's Office.

Shortly after the close of the Grand Lodge in October, 1915, the Committee on Finance visited the Grand Secretary's office in Camp Point, Illinois, and on their return reported to me that conditions were such that I should take immediate steps to have the records of the Grand Lodge properly protected from loss by fire. The volume of records has increased very materially and the Grand Secretary has been obliged to store them in various places in the town where he resides, and they are not in vaults or fire-proof buildings. This Grand Lodge has had some very severe lessons in this regard, the records having been entirely lost by fire on two occasions, and it is high time that we were making ample provision for the safe keeping of our records. The Finance Committee urged me very hard to make provision without presenting the matter to the Grand Lodge. This question was considered so serious that arrangements were nearly completed for the negotiating of a lease in a building in which there was to be built ample fire-proof vaults to accommodate our records, but after conferring with a number of the brethren of the Grand Lodge it was decided to let this matter rest until this meeting when this question will be presented to you. I urge upon you the necessity of providing a permanent location for the Grand Secretary's office, with ample provision for the protection of our records.

Constitution and By-laws.

Code No. 53 of the constitution contains provisions which have long since ceased to be operative and it would seem to me that it would be wise and expedient to revise it so that it will conform to the practice of to-day.

Code No. 129 has for a number of years been violated by this Grand Lodge and should be revised.

Code No. 141 should be revised. The salary of the Grand Treasurer was fixed when the Grand Lodge was much smaller and hence the responsibility much less. The Grand Lodge of Illinois is a large institution financially and is increasing each year, and the responsibilities of the office of treasurer are multiplying very rapidly. We handle a great deal more money each year, our permanent funds are growing and require careful handling in the way of profitable as well as reliable investment, and all of this requires not only time, but the best of financial judgment. I therefore recommend that this Code be revised and that the salary of the Grand Treasurer be substantially increased.

Code No. 149 should be revised to conform to the conditions that now exist. The work of the Grand Secretary's office has increased and two years ago this Grand Lodge made provisions for a deputy at a salary not to exceed

$1,200.00 per annum. This is technically a violation of the law and hence this Code should be changed.

Code No. 218, sub-divisions E. and F., should be revised to conform to Code No. 667 which was amended at the Grand Lodge meeting of 1915 and this Code was not made to conform.

Codes Nos. 228, 229 and 230 of our law provide for five funds, three of which are in the nature of permanent or endowment funds, but no restriction is placed on the expenditure of these moneys. At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Grand Treasurer was authorized to dispose of securities in his hands to the credit of the Masonic Orphans' Home fund, to the amount of $15,000.00 and to credit this amount to the charity fund. Believing that the money of the Masonic Orphans' Home fund was intended as an endowment, I directed the Grand Treasurer not to carry out this order of the Grand Lodge. The membership of our lodges is rapidly increasing and likewise the number of members in our Homes is growing larger and the cost of maintenance of these institutions is gradually increasing. In addition to this we are confronted with the possibility of having to either pay tuition for the education of our children, or equip and maintain a school of our own. This increase in cost naturally calls for an increase in revenue. We have already had a material demonstration of the thoughtfulness and benevolence of some of our individual brethren, who have bequeathed substantial sums of money to our charitable institutions, and there is every reason to believe that this will continue and presumably will increase. I am of the belief that it is the intention of these brethren that the principal of the money bequeathed should not be used, but it is their idea that the income is all that will be expended, and as the expense of maintenance of the institutions increases, the income from the endowment will meet a goodly portion of this, and relieve the Grand Lodge of the necessity of raising the per capita tax. I would therefore recommend that these sections of the law be so amended as to prohibit the expenditure of the principal of any of the money received by bequest and thereby protect the endowment funds. I have asked the Committee on Laws to present for your consideration at this meeting such a law, and will recommend that the same be passed as provided in Code No. 86.

Code No. 243—This Code refers to the same subject matter as Code No. 53 and should also be revised.

Code No. 347—At the last session of the Grand Lodge an edict was passed construing this Code, and after it was promulgated it had a very salutary effect, and if kept before the craft will correct some of the practices that are more or less harmful in the lodges.

Edicts are too often lost sight of, whereas the book of law is ever before the lodges. I, therefore, recommend that this Code be so amended as to embrace the meaning of the edict in a full and comprehensive manner.

Code No. 348 provides a method for the removal of lodges, and is so worded that no lodge can change its place of meeting, except under certain conditions in concurrent jurisdiction, without obtaining consent from some other lodge. As an example, we will suppose in a small town where there is but one lodge, they become prosperous and buy some real estate a block or two from their present location and after a time build a temple thereon. They cannot move into their new home until they obtain the consent of the lodge or lodges whose jurisdiction they abridge. I am of the opinion that it is not the desire of the Grand Lodge to so restrict the lodges, and have not required that this provision be carried out where the removal was for only a short distance.

In order that lodges shall be allowed a reasonable amount of freedom in this respect, I recommend that this Code be so amended as to allow a lodge to change its meeting place, within the limits of the village, town or city in which it is located, without obtaining consent from any other lodge, even though it has the effect of abridging jurisdiction.

Code No. 350 provides that a lodge may call special meetings for work at a hall within its jurisdiction, other than the usual place of meeting, by giving due notice to the resident members. In one instance I found that a lodge was calling special meetings in another town, but at the same time, this town was in the jurisdiction of the lodge.

I am of the opinion that it was the intent of this law that the meetings of a lodge should all be held in the town specified in its charter, and have so held.

I would recommend that this question be determined by this Grand Lodge, and if my decision is sustained, that the Code be amended so as to be plain upon this question. Code No. 369 serves as a precedent.

Code No. 423 provides for the creating of honorary memberships in lodges and after making this provision takes away all the rights of membership. This Code requires that in order to confer the title of honorary member, a brother's name must be proposed at a stated meeting and lay over until some subsequent stated meeting, and that he must pass a unanimous secret ballot, and after all this he is not entitled to the right of visitation over an objection. It is true that few, if any members of the craft would care to visit where an objection would be made, but it seems to me that it would be wise to make this Code mean something, or else repeal it.

I would therefore recommend that this Code be amended by adding to it the words, "except that of visitation."

Code No. 491 is in conflict with Code No. 525, and they should both be so modified as to harmonize.

Code No. 606 should be amended by adding the last sentence of Code No. 591, as it is necessary that a certificate of transfer should carry the same information as a dimit. The deficiency in Code No. 606 has been a source of considerable annoyance to many secretaries and has incidentally reached the Grand Master's office on a few occasions.

Code No. 875 provides that the Grand Master "may at his discretion refer any lodge trial to a commission" and at the same time does not make any provision for the Grand Master having notice that a trial is pending.

During the past year I have been called upon to appoint a number of commissions to try cases and in each and every instance their decisions have been satisfactory and final, as is evidenced by the fact that none of these cases are before this body for review.

Where trials are heard in the lodges, in many instances the partisan feeling runs high, and ultimately the lodge becomes divided into factions and it takes years to overcome this feeling. When a case is heard by a commission, as a rule, the general membership know but little if any of the detail of the proceeding and do not in any way participate and hence do not take sides; whereas, when a trial is held in the lodge, curiosity attracts a large number of the members to the hearing and in deciding the issue, they must of necessity take sides, and in many, many instances bitter feeling is engendered which lasts for a long time and causes discord in the lodge.

I am of the opinion that the Grand Master should have notice of all trials, because in the first place it gives him an opportunity of using his discretion as provided in Code No. 875; in the second place, where charges are not in proper form, or are not based upon Masonic law, he can take the proper steps to correct the procedure in advance and thereby avoid future complications. I have been called upon to quash charges that were accepted by a lodge, because they did not charge a Masonic offense, and I have also been obliged to direct that charges be rewritten because they were not in proper form, and had any of these cases been brought to this Grand Lodge on appeal, they would either have been dismissed or remanded for re-trial, both of which are objectionable, the first, because a trial has been held that should not have been, and the second, because the trial of a case usually has a bad effect, and the hearing of the same case twice will have a doubly bad effect.

I would, therefore, recommend that this Code be so amended as to provide that a copy of the charges in every case presented to a constituent lodge be forwarded to the Grand Master immediately after their acceptance by the lodge.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

I was unable to attend the meeting of the above association held in Alexandria, Virginia, on February 21 and 22, 1916, and Bro. Austin H. Scrogin, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, accepted my proxy on this occasion and attended the meeting, rendering me the following report:

"LEXINGTON, ILL., MARCH 4th, 1916.

Dr. Ralph H. Wheeler, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Chicago, Ill.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In accordance with the instruction given me by you, I attended the sixth annual meeting of "The Washington Masonic Memorial Association" held in Alexandria, Virginia, Feb. 21st and 22d.

I have the honor to report the meeting was well attended, not only by Grand Masters and their representatives, but the presiding officers of many of the co-ordinate bodies in Masonry.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. T. J. Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland, who has been president of the association for several years.

The report of the treasurer was read showing the association to be in possession of a suitable site, on which to erect this memorial to Washington and $75,000.00 in money and safe pledges.

The representatives were very optimistic and pledged themselves to more earnest endeavor in the accomplishment of this splendid enterprise.

Much however remains to be done as it is the purpose of the association to build a temple to Washington, the Mason, costing something like $500,000, and to raise an endowment fund of sufficient amount to satisfy the Masons of the United States that the temple will be preserved for future generations.

Complying with your instruction I did not obligate this grand jurisdiction in any way except to express my surprise that Illinois, the second largest grand jurisdiction in America, had taken so little interest in such a splendid enterprise.

Having been permitted to be present as your representative at this meeting of the Washington Memorial Association and having listened to the stirring addresses made on that occasion, I am heartily in accord with the proposition and trust you will recommend to the Grand Lodge of Illinois its earnest financial support. I am persuaded every mason in Illinois would be delighted to be identified with this idea of commemorating the memory of "The Father of our Country" as a Mason.

Thanking you for the confidence reposed in me in my selection as your personal representative, I am,

Fraternally yours,

AUSTIN H. SCROGIN,
Deputy Grand Master.

This Grand Lodge has been sending representatives to the meetings of this association for a considerable period of time and were it not for the fact that the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois is in need of every dollar available for the development and maintenance of its charitable institutions, I would be heartily in accord with the recommendation of our illustrious

Deputy Grand Master, but under the circumstances which exist I do not feel that we should make any effort at this time to raise money for this memorial. If the individual members of the craft in this jurisdiction care to participate in the financing of this memorial, it is their privilege so to do and their money will be well spent in commemorating one of the noblest and most devoted patriots the nation has ever known, as well as a most distinguished Mason.

Our Homes.

The report of the Board of Managers of our Homes will be submitted to you and will show that the conditions in both of these institutions are the very best. Our family of children is a large one but at the same time they are enjoying the best of health. A beginning has been made in the way of the introduction of manual training and domestic science in the Orphans' Home, and I am satisfied that any of you who will take the trouble to investigate will be convinced that we should continue to develop both of these branches.

The family at the old peoples home is a large one and is gradually increasing. The Royal Arch Memorial Hospital is filling a long felt want and we are now caring for those most in need of our attention.

An Acknowledgment.

Shortly after the close of the Grand Lodge in October, 1915, a check for $5,000.00 was received from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, to be used in the maintenance of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital, and the Home at Sullivan, Illinois. We are deeply grateful to our brethren of the Grand Chapter for their continued generosity.

The Barn.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge an appropriation of $12,000.00 was made for the purpose of building and equipping a barn and silo. This appropriation was turned over to the Board of Managers of the Homes and they selected a building committee. This committee had plans and specifications prepared and received bids, and it was found that the appropriation was not sufficient to build a barn suitable for the unusual demands of an institution such as ours. It must be borne in mind that we have a large farm consisting of 464 acres, and in addition to the agricultural feature, we have a large Home to maintain and hence the barn must provide dairy, as well as agricultural accommodations. The cost of labor and material has increased to an unusual degree, and the building committee, after revising and modifying their plans, found that the appropriation was still inadequate and asked that I authorize them to enter into a contract which would comprehend the expenditure of $3,000.00 in addition to the appro-

priation already made. Feeling that the committee were more interested in the welfare and economy of our institution than anybody else, and that they had made every effort to accomplish the work and keep within the appropriation, I had no hesitation in submitting the question of the additional expenditure to the Grand Master's Advisory Council with my approval. The Advisory Council concurred in my recommendation and the expenditure was authorized.

Home's Water Supply.

In July of this year it was brought to my attention that the water supply of the Illinois Masonic Home was not adequate and that they did not have sufficient amount to furnish water on the second floor of the hospital, or other buildings. Realizing the gravity of a situation of this kind, I had no hesitancy in empowering the Board of Managers of the Homes, after relieving the situation temporarily, to take the necessary steps to prevent a recurrence of the happening.

The Illinois State Water Survey have taken up the question and have gone over the ground very thoroughly and have recommended that a well be drilled of sufficient size and depth to furnish adequate supply, and have kindly consented to give personal supervision to the work.

It seems that the flow of water in wells in this region has not always been free and it is possible that several attempts will have to be made before an adequate supply will be provided. The Board of Managers will submit a recommendation which I trust will be adopted.

Bequests.

On April 12, 1916, I received a check for $500.00, the same being a bequest from the late Bro. H. C. Hughes of Cairo, Illinois, to the Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan, Illinois. I immediately forwarded the same to the Grand Secretary with instructions that it be credited to the proper account and turned over to the Grand Treasurer.

Joseph Robbins Memorial.

The committee appointed at the meeting of this Grand Lodge in 1914, to prepare a suitable biography of our late Past Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Robbins, together with a compilation of his writings as found in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, having completed their work, I conferred with the Printing and Finance committees and in accordance with the instruction of the Grand Lodge of 1915 had the book printed and distributed. Accompanying each volume was the following letter:—

CHICAGO, JULY 11, 1916.

DEAR BROTHER:—In 1914 the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois appointed a committee to publish a volume which should not only be in the nature of a testimonial to the life and Masonic services of Brother Joseph Robbins Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois and for many years its Committee on Correspondence, but should also furnish a means by which his writings on Masonic subjects should be permanently preserved

This committee, consisting of Past Grand Masters Owen Scott and Alexander H. Bell, and Brother George A. Stadler, has completed an excellent work and will receive the commendation of the craft.

It has been rightly said that "Brother Robbins' fame as a Mason rested not alone upon his distinctive services to the craft of Illinois, but his writings on Masonic subjects commanded world-wide attention and respect. In the realm of Masonic jurisprudence he had but few peers, and his opinions on all matters pertaining to the fraternity were widely quoted and universally respected. In the field of Masonic literature he was an international figure as well as an intellectual giant."

Believing that this book is a valuable addition to Masonic literature, that it is a just tribute to the memory of a great man, and that it will be treasured by all, I am directing that a copy of this volume be forwarded to you.

Fraternally yours,
RALPH H. WHEELER,
Grand Master.

This publication has met with commendation wherever distributed and as is indicated in the above letter, it is a just tribute to a worthy and distinguished Mason.

OUR MONITOR.

The copyright of the Monitor in use in our jurisdiction is owned by a publishing company and they publish and distribute the book at a handsome profit. In addition to selling this book they also deal in so-called cipher rituals and exposés. Complaints have frequently been made to me that when brethren went to buy a Monitor, or wrote and asked that one be sent them by mail, they would be offered a cipher or exposé. Upon investigation I found that the price charged for these little books is much in excess of what is necessary in order to make a fair profit, in fact, I can see no reason why they cannot be sold for half the present price. The Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois should not only own the copyright of its Monitor, but publish the same and be its sole distributor. By so doing they will in some small degree at least curtail the cipher ritual evil; they will save the brethren about fifty percent of the cost of the book, and they will also have the opportunity of saying who can purchase them. Believing that when this state of affairs should be presented to you, you would want to make the change, I submitted the question to my Advisory Council and they unanimously recommended that I appoint a special committee to investigate the situation

and to confer with the present publishers with reference to the sale of their interests and report to this Grand Lodge. Investigation revealed that their copyright is of doubtful value. With reference to the sale of their interest therein, including copyright, plates and stock on hand, your Grand Master, and one of the members of the special committee, called upon the publishers and made them an offer which we believed to be adequate, and which they declined. Your Grand Master then called upon them to submit a counter proposition, which they have failed to do.

In order that the Grand Lodge may own the copyright it will be necessary that a few minor changes be made, but it will require only a few minutes for one versed in our ritual to become familiar with them. I am satisfied that the advantage to be gained is far in excess of the inconvenience it will entail. As a special committee to consider this question I appointed the chairman of your Board of Grand Examiners, Bro. Anthony Doherty, as chairman, and Brethren John W. Hill a patent and copyright attorney, and Alonzo Dolan a printer and publisher, as his associates. This committee invited the four other members of the Board of Grand Examiners, together with all of the elective Grand Lodge Officers, to participate in their deliberations while determining the actual changes to be made. Their report will be submitted to you at this session.

Lodge Publications.

Quite a number of lodges in this jurisdiction are issuing periodical publications that are known as "Lodge Bulletins," "Lodge Notes," etc. It is quite natural that the amount of matter fit for publication in issues of this kind, would be somewhat limited, and in the efforts of the publishers to fill their pages and attract attention there have appeared articles and illustrations that were entirely foreign to Masonry, and in some instances of such a character as to be decidedly objectionable. One of these publications containing some disgusting caricatures reached the editor of a Masonic journal in another jurisdiction and was subjected to a just and very severe criticism. The editors are usually members of the lodge that are not officially responsible and do not submit their copy to the Master before publishing the same and no one has been held responsible for the articles appearing. In my judgment there is grave doubt as to whether these publications are a benefit to Masonry or to the lodges that issue them, and surely they cannot be unless the contents are of the highest character and thoroughly in keeping with the dignity of Masonry. I believe that this Grand Lodge should pass upon the question of whether lodges shall be allowed to publish these Bulletins or Notes, and if so, to lay down a rule requiring that the Master shall be held responsible for everything appearing therein and that they shall publish nothing but what is in keeping with the spirit of Masonry.

Political Discussion.

In the early part of the present year complaints reached my office that brethren who were political office seekers were speaking in the lodges, and while in most instances there was nothing objectionable said, there were usually several friends in the anterooms making known the political aspirations of the speakers. A noticeable feature is that many of the offenders are not often seen in lodges when there is no political campaign on.

Another matter of a similar nature that came to my attention was the discussion of questions of public policy in lodges. On topics of this kind brethren differ the same as they do in their religious and political beliefs, and the discussion of questions of this nature can result in nothing but harm to the lodge and to Masonry in general. I am of the opinion that in the great majority of instances there was no intention on the part of the officers of lodges to violate any of the landmarks of Masonry, and that the offense was simply the result of thoughtlessness and the influence brought to bear by some zealous political brother, who in his ambition to achieve success in a political way, overlooked the principles of our noble institution. I am inclined to believe that if the effect of political endeavors of this kind could be ascertained, it would be discovered that they were detrimental rather than otherwise. Let the political aspirant exemplify the teachings of Freemasonry in his everyday life and he will not need to go before lodges in order to obtain the votes, but he will receive the support of Masons and non-Masons as well. In order to stop this I directed the District Deputy Grand Masters, where the practice was prevalent, to instruct the Masters of lodges that they were not to allow any brother to discuss questions of public policy in the lodges, it being in violation of Code No. 315. I also spoke upon this topic on several occasions and I am pleased to report that I have had no recent complaints in this regard. With reference to political office seekers I laid down the rule that no brother should be allowed to speak on any subject in any lodge, except his own, while a candidate for political office. This rule met with favor even among some of the most active politicians, and has so far as I am informed, been observed. I would recommend that this Grand Lodge take some action on the last named question as it is not fully covered in our Code.

Charity Committee.

Numerous applications for relief have been made, all of which have been referred to the Charity Committee, and the following have been allowed:

Mrs. * * * * widow of a member of National Lodge, defunct. . $120.00
Mrs. * * * * widow of a member of Ewing Lodge No. 705 ... 50.00

Mrs. * * * * widow of a member of St. Thomas Lodge No. 306 of Kansas, living in the vicinity of Marine Lodge No. 355 at Marine, Illinois 100.00

CONCLUSION.

I find that language fails me when I attempt to express my appreciation for the many courtesies shown me by the lodges and the brethren. The numerous intimate acquaintances formed, the many, many, friends I find on my roll, and the uniform effort of the craft to fulfil to the letter the suggestions made by me for the betterment of Masonry in this jurisdiction, are all the strongest kind of evidence that the reward for the services rendered is more than ample. The year has been the most active that I have ever known, and at the same time has seemed the shortest, and I can heartily say the happiest of my whole life. I have regretted many times that I could not give my whole time to the office of Grand Master because of the pleasure I found in performing the duties, but am more than thankful that I have been permitted to have the enjoyment and experience even under the conditions as they have been. I feel that Masonry has a mission to perform, and that great progress is being made. Preparedness is the popular theme. "Actions speak louder than words," and in Masonry we find the most emphatic expressions. One of the objects of Masonry is to educate men in the true principles of life, and if there ever comes to this world that much talked of and more to be desired state of "Universal Peace," it will come through education and devotion to principle. Brethren bear this in mind and not only teach Masonry, but live it and exemplify it in your everyday lives, thereby reflecting it on the whole world. "Thus, you will render yourselves deserving of the honor which has been conferred, and worthy of the confidence reposed in you."

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.
Footprints, that perhaps another
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother
Seeing shall take heart again."

Official papers and other documents appertaining to the Grand Master's office will be found in the Appendix.

REPORT—Committee on Grand Master's Annual Report.

Bro. Harry N. McFarlane, Chairman of the Committee on Grand Master's Report, presented the report of that committee. On motion, it was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Grand Master's Annual Report, would respectfully submit the following:

It is the unusual privilege of the committee to report that the past year has shown the largest increase in membership of any year in the history of the Grand Lodge. It is a source of great satisfaction to note that the principles of Masonry are attracting greater attention throughout the State. We believe that this is a prophesy of a higher plane of citizenship and will be the means of promoting a better civic, family and fraternal spirit among our members and lodges.

That part of the report concerning our Fraternal Dead we refer to the Committee on Obituaries.

We congratulate the Grand Master on his wisdom in recommending the creation of an Advisory Council, and it is a source of great satisfaction to know that the members of this council have so willingly given their time and experience to assist him in the management of the affairs of the Grand Lodge. We recommend that the matter of the appropriation for the continuance of the Advisory Council be referred to the Committee on Finance.

We are of the opinion that the dividing of the State into three regions and placing them in charge of the Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens has been the means of relieving the Grand Master's office of much unnecessary correspondence and work. By having the questions first referred to the District Deputy Grand Masters and by them to the Grand Lodge officers in charge of the regions has brought many questions of interest to the attention of these officers and has thus given them much valuable experience and increased their usefulness as officers of the Grand Lodge.

So much of the report as refers to the constituting of new lodges we recommend be referred to the Committee on Chartered Lodges.

We approve the action of the Grand Master in granting dispensations for several new lodges and refer that part of his report to the Committee on Lodges under Dispensation.

We are glad to note the Grand Master has availed himself of the opportunity to dedicate several new lodge halls and participate in the laying of a number of corner stones.

Regarding the issuance of duplicate charters it is unnecessary to ma comment more than to signify our approval of the Grand Master's action.

We approve the action of the Grand Master in authorizing the remov of Triple Lodge No. 835 from Venice to Granite City, and the removal Murrayville Lodge No. 432, from Woodson to Murrayville, believing th this action will be the means of increasing the activity and usefulness both lodges.

We recommend the approval of the appointment of Grand Represent tives near the various Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal relatio and also that portion of the address under the heading "vacancies filled.

We find that the Grand Master has visited 103 lodges and we desire express our appreciation of his interest in the fraternity and commend t forbearance of his family in foregoing the pleasure of his presence these numerous occasions. Especially would we approve his interest Masonry as evidenced by the many visits to clubs and other organizatio consisting entirely of Masons.

So much as pertains to discipline we recommend be referred to the Co mittee on Appeals and Grievances.

Every Mason knows the value of a State School of Instruction. W believe that the Grand Master has created an additional interest in the schools by introducing a series of addresses that were delivered by t eminent craftsmen secured for that purpose.

A question of much importance is involved in the subject matter cit under the heading "District Schools." This we refer to the Board Grand Examiners.

As Masons are taught to be peaceable and loyal subjects of the Go ernment under whose protection they live we believe the unfurled flag our lodge room will continually call to mind that love of country is one the fundamental principles of our institution. We, therefore, heart approve of the introduction of this ceremony, and recommend that eve lodge procure a flag for this purpose.

That part of the Grand Master's report concerning the examination candidates for commissions as Grand Lecturers we refer to the Commit on Jurisprudence.

We commend the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for splendid exemplification of the true spirit of Masonry by his prompt of of assistance to this Grand Lodge while the banks of the Illinois river w overflowing, furnishing a concrete example of that part of the ritual where we are taught to relieve the distressed.

The subject matter under the headings "Interpretations of the law "Decisions," and "Members changing their names," is referred to t Committee on Jurisprudence.

The question of the preservation of the records in the Grand Secretary's office is of such great importance that we refer it directly to the Grand Lodge, without recommendation.

The recommendations of the Grand Master concerning "Constitution and by-laws," we refer to the Committee on Legislation.

That part of the Grand Master's report concerning the George Washington Memorial Association we refer to the Committee on Finance.

We know that every member of the Grand Lodge appreciates the arduous work of the Board of Managers of our Homes in their efforts to furnish so many comforts and conveniences for the members of the Homes, and we commend the untiring vigilance and self-sacrifice they have shown in accomplishing results.

We believe that the Grand Lodge desires to join with the Grand Master in his appreciation of the generous donation from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the support of the Home and hospital.

We recommend that those portions of the Grand Master's report under headings "The Barn" and "Home's Water Supply" be referred to the Committee on Finance.

We firmly believe that the copyright of the Monitor should be controlled by the Grand Lodge, and therefore, refer that part of the report to the special committee appointed to procure the same.

Matters under the headings "Lodge publications," and "Political discussions," are hereby referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We cannot conclude this report without expressing our appreciation of the masterly manner in which the Grand Master has conducted the affairs of the Grand Lodge during the past year and predict that when he retires from the high office it will be with universal approbation of his brethren, and he will feel the joy and satisfaction of having fulfilled the duties of a faithful steward.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY N. MCFARLANE,
E. R. TURNBULL,
EDWARD L. HOLMES,
Committee.

The Grand Master then relieved the Deputy Grand Master, and took charge of the Grand Lodge.

REPORT—Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Leroy A. Goddard, R.W. Grand Treasurer, presente his report and asked that it be referred to the Committee o Finance. It was so referred.

October 6, 1916.

LEROY A. GODDARD, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with M.W. Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Illino

GENERAL FUND.

DEBIT.

1915.				
Oct.	5	Balance on hand as per last report		$104,122.
Nov.	24	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	$ 4,000.00	
1916.				
Jan.	15	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	547.12	
July	3	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	1,000.00	
July	15	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	27,500.00	
Aug.	1	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	27,500.00	
Sept.	5	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	22,000.00	
Sept.	30	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	5,336.23	87,883.
Total				$192,006.

CREDIT.

By mileage and per diem paid officers and committees since last report, as per vouchers returned herewith	$ 4,225.30
By mileage and per diem paid representatives since last report, as per vouchers returned herewith	17,398.26
By miscellaneous vouchers paid since last report, as per vouchers herewith, numbers: 570 to 592, 595 to 599, 1 to 10, 13 to 30, 33, 35 to 75, 78 to 107, 110 to 131, 133 to 140, 144 to 165, 168 to 188, 3 to 30, 34 to 52, 56 to 75, 77 to 82, 84, 85, 86, 88 to 97, 98, 99, 100, 105 to 124, 55 and 76 all inclusive	77,314.04
By salaries paid Grand Officers since last report, as per vouchers returned herewith, numbers: 593, 594, 11, 12, 31, 32,	

	34, 76, 77, 108, 109, 141, 142, 143, 166, 167, 1, 2, 31, 32, 33, 53, 54, 83, 87, 102, 103, 104, all inclusive	5,900.00	
			$104,837.60
Oct. 6, 1916	Balance on hand		$ 87,168.67
	Total		$192,006.27

CHARITY FUND.

DEBIT.

1915.			
Oct. 5	Balance on hand, as per last report		$ 63,897.10
Nov. 24	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	$ 5,000.00	
1916.			
Jan. 3	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	3,900.00	
Mar. 4	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	1,000.00	
May 1	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	8,000.00	
May 25	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	5,000.00	
June 1	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	900.00	
July 3	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	5,000.00	
July 15	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	22,500.00	
Aug. 1	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	22,500.00	
Sept. 5	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	18,000.00	
Sept. 30	From Isaac Cutter, R. W. Grand Secretary	4,425.03	96,225.03
	Total		$160,122.13

CREDIT.

	By vouchers herewith paid since last report, numbers: 165 to 185, 1 to 11, all inclusive	$	96,012.73
Oct. 6, 1916	Balance on hand		64,109.40
			$160,122.13

In addition to the cash balance as reported, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge owns the following securities, all of which are now in my possession as Grand Treasurer and deposited in safety vault specifically designated as the property of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

CHARITY FUND.

Certificate No. 203 for eight shares of stock of Masonic Temple Trust, from National Lodge No. 596, (defunct)	$	800.00

HOME FOR AGED FUND.

One Wabash Railroad Company, first mortgage, 4% Gold Bond, Toledo and Chicago Division, due March 1, 1941, interest March and September, numbered 1722, gift of Illinois Masonic Home for Aged, (dissolved)	$ 1,000.00
Seven City of Chicago Harbor Construction Bonds, numbered 3531 to 3537, both inclusive, all due January 1, 1927, interest at 4% January and July, for $1,000.00 each, gift of Illinois Masonic Home for Aged, (dissolved)	7,000.00
	$ 8,000.00

ILLINOIS MASONIC ORPHANS HOME FUND.

Fifteen registered Illinois Central Railroad Company 4% Gold Bonds due November 1, 1953, $1,000.00 each, numbered 7133 to 7144, both inclusive, 13060, 13086, and 13089; interest due May and November, gift of Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	15,000.00
Ten County of Cook 4% Court House Bonds, due September 1, 1917, $1,000.00 each, numbered 2863 to 2872, both inclusive, coupons due March and September, gift of Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	10,000.00
One County of Cook 4% Court House Bond, due September 1, 1919, No. 3265, coupons March and September, gift of Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	1,000.00
Ten Town of North Chicago 4% Lincoln Park Bonds, due May 1, 1924, $1,000.00 each, numbered 401 to 410, both inclusive, coupons May and November, gift of Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	10,000.00
Eight Mattoon Township, Coles County of Illinois, 4% Refunding Bonds, due May 1, 1920, $1,000.00 each, numbered 30 to 37, both inclusive, coupons May 1, annually, gift of Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	8,000.00
Five Illinois Central Railroad Company 4% Gold Bonds, due April 1, 1952, $500.00 each, numbered 14218, 14219, 14220, 15418, 15592, coupons April and October 1, gift of Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	2,500.00
One County of Cook 4% Infirmary Bond Series J, due June 1, 1928, coupons due June and December 1, No. 2293, gift of Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	500.00
One County of Cook 4% Infirmary Bond, Series M, due June 1, 1929, coupons due June and December 1, No. 794, gift of Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	1,000.00

One City of Chicago Harbor Construction Bond No. 4593, due July 1, 1932, interest payable January 1, and July 1, $1,000.00, gift of Illinois Masonic Orphans Home..... 1,000.00

Certificate No. 103 for 47½ shares of the capital stock of Western Lime and Cement Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, bequest under will of Chas. C. Bishop, deceased..... 4,750.00

Certificate No. 57 for 204 shares of the capital stock of Union Lime Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, bequest under will of Chas. C. Bishop, deceased..... 20,400.00

Ten City of Chicago Harbor Construction Bonds, numbered 4597 to 4606, both inclusive, all due July 1, 1932, interest payable January 1 and July 1, for $1,000.00 each, bequest under will of Chas. C. Bishop, deceased..... 10,000.00

$ 84,150.00

Masonic Home Fund.

One bond of city of Chicago (4% Police Department Building Bond) due January 1, 1922, Number D-108, coupons due January 1 and July 1, bequest under will of Harry C. Hughes, deceased $ 500.00

General Fund.

Four bonds of County of Cook Infirmary Bonds, Series J, 4%, due June 1, 1926, interest payable June 1 and December 1, for $1,000.00 each, Nos. 1478 to 1481, inclusive.... 4,000.00

Ten bonds of County of Cook Infirmary Bonds, Series M, 4%, due June 1, 1928, interest payable June 1 and December 1, for $1,000.00 each, Nos. 716 to 725, inclusive..... 10,000.00

Three bonds of County of Cook, Series I, 4%, Court House Bonds, due September 1, 1923, interest payable March 1 and September 1, for $1,000.00 each, Nos. 4482 to 4484, both inclusive 3,000.00

Two bonds of city of Cleveland, 4% Bridge Bonds, due April 1, 1925, interest payable April 1 and October 1, for $1,000.00 each, Nos. 24803 and 24805..... 2,000.00

Five County Hospital 4% Bonds, Series N, of County of Cook, due July 1, 1930, interest payable January 1 and July 1, numbered 736 to 740, both inclusive..... 5,000.00

Twenty County Hospital 4% Bonds, Series N, of County of Cook, due July 1, 1929, interest payable January 1 and July 1, numbered 676 to 694, both inclusive, and 696.....	20,000.00
Twenty-five Health Department for Construction of Municipal Garbage Reduction Works Bonds of city of Chicago, due January 1, 1935, interest payable January 1 and July 1, numbered M-471 to M-495, both inclusive.....	25,000.00
	$ 69,000.00

SUMMARY.

Securities on hand, all funds.....	$162,450.00
Cash on hand, all funds.....	151,278.07
Total assets in treasury.....	$313,728.07

Fraternally submitted,

L. A. GODDARD,
Grand Treasurer.

I hereby certify that at the close of business on October 6, 1916, the State Bank of Chicago held on deposit the following balances due the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Illinois: General Fund, $87,168.67; Charity Fund, $64,109.40; Total, $151,278.07. H. S. HENSCHEN, *Cashier.*

REPORT—Grand Secretary.

Bro. Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary, presented his report, together with his cash book and ledger, and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance. They were so referred.

Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary, in account with M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois.

DUES RECEIVED FROM LODGES.

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Bodley	1	$340.00	White Hall	80	108.00
Equality	2	47.00	Vitruvius	81	84.00
Harmony	3	259.00	DeWitt	84	210.00
Springfield	4	289.00	Mitchell	85	114.00
Friendship	7	307.00	Kaskaskia	86	37.00
Macon	8	756.00	Mt. Pulaski	87	94.00
Rushville	9	129.00	Havana	88	127.00
St. John's	13	138.00	Fellowship	89	145.00
Warren	14	60.00	Jerusalem Temple	90	429.00
Peoria	15	624.00	Metropolis	91	124.00
Temperance	16	115.00	Stewart	92	152.00
Macomb	17	190.00	Toulon	93	99.00
Clinton	19	182.00	Perry	95	60.00
Hancock	20	174.00	Samuel H. Davis	96	107.00
Cass	23	219.00	Excelsior	97	442.00
St. Clair	24	215.00	Taylor	98	110.00
Franklin	25	151.00	Edwardsville	99	174.00
Piasa	27	238.00	Astoria	100	86.00
Pekin	29	145.00	Rockford	102	557.00
Mt. Vernon	31	227.00	Magnolia	103	83.00
Oriental	33	609.00	Lewistown	104	100.00
Barry	34	113.00	Winchester	105	99.00
Charleston	35	222.00	Lancaster	106	135.00
Kavanagh	36	71.00	Versailles	108	55.00
Monmouth	37	231.00	Trenton	109	87.00
Olive Branch	38	488.00	Lebanon	110	52.00
Herman	39	166.00	Jonesboro	111	73.00
Occidental	40	301.10	Robert Burns	113	114.00
Mt. Joliet	42	576.00	Marcelline	114	55.00
Bloomington	43	533.00	Rising Sun	115	109.00
Hardin	44	119.00	Vermont	116	50.00
Griggsville	45	70.00	Elgin	117	550.00
Temple	46	1025.00	Waverly	118	105.00
Caledonia	47	52.00	Henry	119	88.00
Unity	48	136.00	Mound	122	191.00
Cambridge	49	101.00	Oquawka	123	53.00
Carrollton	50	148.00	Cedar	124	185.00
Mt. Moriah	51	179.00	Greenup	125	85.00
Benevolent	52	69.00	Empire	126	181.00
Jackson	53	183.00	Antioch	127	83.00
Washington	55	95.00	Raleigh	128	63.00
Trio	57	381.00	Greenfield	129	90.00
Fraternal	58	125.00	Marion	130	177.00
New Boston	59	105.00	Golconda	131	98.00
Belvidere	60	322.00	Mackinaw	132	64.00
Lacon	61	100.00	Marshall	133	137.00
St. Mark's	63	153.00	Sycamore	134	195.00
Benton	64	143.00	Lima	135	66.00
Euclid	65	144.00	Hutsonville	136	43.00
Pacific	66	73.00	Polk	137	99.00
Acacia	67	185.00	Marengo	138	113.00
Eureka	69	80.00	Geneva	139	90.00
Central	71	343.00	Olney	140	140.00
Chester	72	83.00	Garden City	141	1571.00
Rockton	74	119.00	Ames	142	76.00
Roscoe	75	92.00	Richmond	143	83.00
Mt. Nebo	76	132.00	DeKalb	144	197.00
Prairie	77	261.00	A. W. Rawson	145	83.00
Waukegan	78	506.00	Lee Center	146	65.00
Scott	79	74.00	Clayton	147	76.00

LODGE DUES RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR 1916.—*Continued.*

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Bloomfield	148	156.00	Pana	226	229.00
Effingham	149	106.00	Columbus	227	27.00
Vienna	150	90.00	Lovington	228	102.00
Bunker Hill	151	84.00	Manchester	229	77.00
Fidelity	152	69.00	New Haven	230	66.00
Clay	153	109.00	Wyanet	231	44.00
Russell	154	125.00	Farmers	232	57.00
Alpha	155	258.00	Blandinsville	233	107.00
Delavan	156	115.00	DuQuoin	234	129.00
Urbana	157	441.00	Dallas City	235	104.00
McHenry	158	103.00	Charter Oak	236	113.00
Kewanee	159	229.00	Cairo	237	230.00
Waubansia	160	465.00	Black Hawk	238	112.00
Virden	161	151.00	Mt. Carmel	239	244.00
Hope	162	99.00	Western Star	240	462.00
Edward Dobbins	164	151.00	Shekinah	241	231.00
Atlanta	165	103.00	Galva	243	129.00
Star in the East	166	695.00	Horicon	244	165.00
Milford	168	87.00	Greenville	245	148.00
Nunda	169	111.00	El Paso	246	162.00
Evergreen	170	255.00	Rob Morris	247	81.00
Girard	171	95.00	Golden Gate	248	64.00
Wayne	172	60.00	Hibbard	249	42.00
Cherry Valley	173	54.00	Robinson	250	159.00
Lena	174	64.00	Heyworth	251	105.00
Matteson	175	479.00	Aledo	252	178.00
Mendota	176	133.00	Avon Harmony	253	50.00
Staunton	177	241.00	Aurora	254	437.00
Illinois Central	178	121.00	Donnelson	255	59.00
Wabash	179	47.00	Warsaw	257	72.00
Moweaqua	180	101.00	Mattoon	260	339.00
Germania	182	418.00	Amon	261	48.00
Meridian	183	63.00	Channahon	262	32.00
Abingdon	185	105.00	Illinois	263	522.00
Mystic Tie	187	86.00	Franklin Grove	264	35.00
Cyrus	188	131.00	Vermilion	265	54.00
Fulton City	189	90.00	Kingston	266	59.00
Dundee	190	182.00	La Prairie	267	52.00
Farmington	192	135.00	Paris	268	275.00
Herrick	193	44.00	Wheaton	269	180.00
Freedom	194	59.00	Levi Lusk	270	31.00
La Harpe	195	146.00	Blaney	271	370.00
Louisville	196	76.00	Carmi	272	96.00
King Solomon's	197	69.00	Miners	273	185.00
Homer	199	108.00	Byron	274	96.00
Sheba	200	64.00	Milton	275	47.00
Centralia	201	238.00	Elizabeth	276	45.00
Lavely	203	81.00	Accordia	277	239.00
Flora	204	117.00	Jo Daviess	278	157.00
Corinthian	205	67.00	Neoga	279	116.00
Fairfield	206	124.00	Kansas	280	86.00
Tamaroa	207	60.00	Brooklyn	282	80.00
Wilmington	208	109.00	Meteor	283	117.00
Wm. B. Warren	209	664.00	Catlin	285	131.00
Logan	210	224.00	Plymouth	286	67.00
Cleveland	211	854.00	De Soto	287	140.00
Shipman	212	58.00	Genoa	288	115.00
Ipava	213	77.00	Wataga	291	39.00
Gillespie	214	119.00	Chenoa	292	117.00
Newton	216	116.00	Prophetstown	293	77.00
Mason	217	58.00	Pontiac	294	203.00
New Salem	218	42.00	Dills	295	43.00
Oakland	219	120.00	Quincy	296	209.00
Mahomet	220	64.00	Benjamin	297	124.00
LeRoy	221	97.00	Wauconda	298	54.00
George Washington	222	136.00	Hinckley	301	104.00

LODGE DUES RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR 1916.—*Continued.*

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Durand	302	77.00	Waltham	384	64.00
Raven	303	71.00	Mississippi	385	209.00
Onarga	305	72.00	Bridgeport	386	184.00
William C. Hobbs	306	97.00	El Dara	388	51.00
T. J. Pickett	307	129.00	Kankakee	389	346.00
Ashlar	308	786.00	Ashmor	390	71.00
Harvard	309	259.00	Tolono	391	89.00
Dearborn	310	950.00	Oconee	392	59.00
Kilwinning	311	770.00	Blair	393	675.00
Ionic	312	573.00	Jerseyville	394	130.00
York	313	84.00	Muddy Point	396	37.00
Palatine	314	121.00	Shiloh	397	55.00
Abraham Jonas	316	51.00	Kinmundy	398	125.00
J. L. Anderson	318	105.00	Buda	399	54.00
Doric	319	431.00	Odell	401	62.00
Creston	320	56.00	Kishwaukee	402	56.00
Dunlap	321	119.00	Mason City	403	139.00
Windsor	322	67.00	Batavia	404	145.00
Orient	323	33.00	Ramsey	405	79.00
Harrisburg	325	245.00	Bethalto	406	37.00
Industry	327	69.00	Stratton	408	80.00
Altona	330	53.00	Thos. J. Turner	409	526.00
Mt. Erie	331	40.00	Mithra	410	230.00
Tuscola	332	167.00	Hesperia	411	702.00
Tyrian	333	296.00	Evening Star	414	53.00
Sumner	334	112.00	Lawn Ridge	415	46.00
Schiller	335	146.00	Paxton	416	136.00
New Columbia	336	86.00	Marseilles	417	123.00
Oneida	337	68.00	Freeburg	418	46.00
Saline	339	55.00	Reynoldsburg	419	28.00
Kedron	340	44.00	Oregon	420	167.00
Full Moon	341	81.00	Washburn	421	72.00
Summerfield	342	23.00	Landmark	422	708.00
Wenona	344	73.00	Lanark	423	78.00
Milledgeville	345	107.00	Exeter	424	32.00
N. D. Morse	346	47.00	Scottville	426	84.00
Sidney	347	47.00	Red Bud	427	36.00
Flat Rock	348	98.00	Sunbeam	428	97.00
Sublette	349	28.00	Chebanse	429	48.00
Fairview	350	76.00	Kendrick	430	48.00
Tarbolton	351	149.00	Summit	431	81.00
Groveland	352	53.00	Murrayville	432	66.00
Kinderhook	353	56.00	Atkinson	433	85.00
Ark and Anchor	354	115.00	Makanda	434	65.00
Marine	355	49.00	Philo	436	67.00
Hermitage	356	104.00	Chicago	437	596.00
Orion	358	48.00	Camargo	440	58.00
Blackberry	359	103.00	Sparland	441	35.00
Princeville	360	88.00	Casey	442	114.00
Douglas	361	49.00	Hampshire	443	99.00
Noble	362	56.00	Cave-in-Rock	444	52.00
Horeb	363	114.00	Chesterfield	445	47.00
Tonica	364	55.00	Watseka	446	159.00
Bement	365	122.00	S. D. Monroe	447	55.00
Arcola	366	144.00	Yates City	448	63.00
Oxford	367	66.00	Mendon	449	82.00
Jefferson	368	57.00	Loami	450	73.00
Newman	369	111.00	Bromwell	451	97.00
Livingston	371	112.00	New Hartford	453	46.00
Chambersburg	373	29.00	Maroa	454	119.00
Shabbona	374	83.00	Irving	455	71.00
Aroma	378	67.00	Nokomis	456	168.00
Payson	379	79.00	Blazing Star	458	54.00
Liberty	380	36.00	Jeffersonville	460	42.00
Gill	382	37.00	Plainview	461	42.00
LaMoille	383	72.00	Tremont	462	41.00

LODGE DUES RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR 1916.—*Continued.*

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Palmyra	463	79.00	Lockport	538	137.00
Denver	464	44.00	Chatsworth	539	52.00
Huntsville	465	49.00	Oak Park	540	885.00
Cobden	466	74.00	Stewardson	541	31.00
South Macon	467	101.00	Towanda	542	52.00
Cheney's Grove	468	52.00	Virginia	544	113.00
McLean	469	104.00	Valley	547	56.00
Rantoul	470	87.00	Sharon	550	76.00
Kendall	471	108.00	Long Point	552	34.00
Amity	472	155.00	Plum River	554	199.00
Gordon	473	43.00	Humbolt	555	198.00
Columbia	474	96.00	Dawson	556	51.00
Walshville	475	21.00	Lessing	557	252.00
Manito	476	59.00	Leland	558	66.00
Rutland	477	72.00	Thomson	559	33.00
Pleiades	478	1242.00	Madison	560	39.00
Wyoming	479	118.20	Trinity	562	123.00
Momence	481	127.00	Winslow	564	58.10
Lexington	482	71.00	Pleasant Hill	565	40.00
Edgewood	484	62.00	Albany	566	71.00
Xenia	485	49.00	Frankfort	567	111.00
Bowen	486	68.00	Time	569	32.00
Andrew Jackson	487	29.00	Jacksonville	570	215.00
Clay City	488	93.00	Bardolph	572	35.00
Cooper	489	57.00	Gardner	573	145.00
Shannon	490	62.00	Pera	574	49.00
Martin	491	44.00	Capron	575	89.00
Libertyville	492	186.00	O'Fallon	576	81.00
Tower Hill	493	85.00	Viola	577	75.00
Stone Fort	495	69.00	Prairie City	578	47.00
Colchester	496	93.00	Hazel Dell	580	49.00
Alma	497	80.00	Dongola	581	67.00
Murphysboro	498	147.00	Shirley	582	46.00
St. Paul	500	380.00	Highland	583	96.00
Stark	501	41.00	Vesper	584	269.00
Woodhull	502	55.00	Fisher	585	44.00
Odin	503	45.00	Princeton	587	196.00
East St. Louis	504	537.00	Troy	588	46.00
Meridian Sun	505	107.00	Fairmount	590	69.00
O. H. Miner	506	65.00	Gilman	591	99.00
Home	508	578.00	Fieldon	592	26.00
Parkersburg	509	33.00	Miles Hart	595	63.00
J. D. Moody	510	24.00	Cerro Gordo	600	121.00
Wade-Barney	512	376.00	Farina	601	64.00
Bradford	514	57.00	Watson	602	40.00
Andalusia	516	89.00	Clark	603	146.00
Litchfield	517	117.00	Hebron	604	95.00
Abraham Lincoln	518	109.00	Streator	607	283.00
Roseville	519	87.00	Piper	608	88.00
Anna	520	130.00	Sheldon	609	115.00
Illiopolis	521	95.00	Union Park	610	1229.00
Monitor	522	489.00	Lincoln Park	611	751.00
Chatham	523	82.00	Rock River	612	339.00
Evans	524	551.00	Patoka	613	70.00
Covenant	526	1084.00	Forrest	614	94.00
Rossville	527	123.00	Wadley	616	79.00
Minooka	528	70.00	Good Hope	617	61.00
Adams	529	41.00	Basco	618	21.00
Maquon	530	59.00	New Hope	620	28.00
Ashton	531	92.00	Hopedale	622	55.00
Seneca	532	56.00	Locust	623	37.00
Altamont	533	51.00	Union	627	38.00
Cuba	534	85.00	Tuscan	630	59.00
Sherman	535	71.00	Norton	631	50.00
Plainfield	536	133.00	Ridge Farm	632	91.00
J. R. Gorin	537	60.00	E. F. W. Ellis	633	228.00

LODGE DUES RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR 1916.—*Continued.*

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Buckley	634	27.00	Arcana	717	872.00
Rochester	635	76.00	May	718	42.00
Peotone	636	96.00	Chapel Hill	719	26.00
Keystone	639	693.00	Rome	721	35.00
Comet	641	76.00	Walnut	722	119.00
Apollo	642	682.00	Omaha	723	41.00
D. C. Creiger	643	760.00	Chandlerville	724	105.00
Oblong City	644	125.00	Rankin	725	74.00
San Jose	645	40.00	Golden Rule	726	951.00
Somonauk	646	108.00	Raritan	727	137.00
Blueville	647	91.00	Waterman	728	33.00
Camden	648	62.00	Lake Creek	729	89.00
Atwood	651	87.00	Eldorado	730	126.00
Greenview	653	97.00	Harbor	731	580.00
Yorktown	655	93.00	Carman	732	24.00
Mozart	656	92.00	Gibson	733	139.00
Lafayette	657	36.00	Morning Star	734	292.00
Rock Island	658	361.00	Sheridan	735	94.00
Lambert	659	376.00	Arrowsmith	737	48.00
Grand Chain	660	30.00	Saunemin	738	88.00
South Park	662	436.00	Lakeside	739	493.00
Mayo	664	42.00	New Holland	741	34.00
Beecher City	665	45.00	Danvers	742	66.00
Crawford	666	73.00	Scott Land	743	51.00
Erie	667	89.00	Goode	744	110.00
Burnt Prairie	668	58.00	Winnebago	745	66.00
Herder	669	313.00	Weldon	746	65.00
Fillmore	670	66.00	Centennial	747	56.00
Eddyville	672	37.00	Alta	748	84.00
Normal	673	128.00	Akin	749	82.00
Waldeck	674	365.00	Lyndon	750	55.00
Pawnee	675	153.00	Lounsbury	751	98.00
A. O. Fay	676	276.00	Allendale	752	44.00
Enfield	677	82.00	Ogden	754	99.00
Buffalo Prairie	679	101.00	Preemption	755	78.00
Clement	680	68.00	Hardinsville	756	113.00
Morrisonville	681	85.00	Verona	757	78.00
Blue Mound	682	98.00	Mystic Star	758	1024.50
Burnside	683	91.00	Orel	759	72.00
Galatia	684	51.00	Sibley	761	47.00
Rio	685	89.00	Van Meter	762	101.00
Garfield	686	1082.00	Crete	763	88.00
Orangeville	687	63.00	Sullivan	764	206.00
Clifton	688	68.00	Palace	765	471.00
Englewood	690	1040.00	Littleton	766	26.00
Iola	691	19.00	Triluminar	767	539.00
Raymond	692	85.00	Mizpah	768	911.00
Herrin's Prairie	693	245.00	St. Elmo	769	96.00
Shiloh Hill	695	38.00	LaGrange	770	327.00
Belle Rive	696	54.00	Bay City	771	24.00
Richard Cole	697	589.00	New Burnside	772	35.00
Hutton	698	47.00	Mansfield	773	54.00
Pleasant Plains	700	72.00	Lake View	774	1044.00
Temple Hill	701	31.00	Grand Crossing	776	709.00
Alexandria	702	77.00	Ravenswood	777	669.00
Braidwood	704	227.00	Gurney	778	47.00
Ewing	705	47.00	Wright's Grove	779	701.00
Joppa	706	72.00	Siloam	780	696.00
Star	709	189.00	Potomac	782	99.00
Farmer City	710	72.00	Constantia	783	372.00
Providence	711	498.00	Beacon Light	784	170.00
Collinsville	712	148.00	Riverton Union	786	87.00
Johnsonville	713	54.00	Morris	787	111.00
Collison	714	102.00	Lerna	788	63.00
Elvaston	715	28.00	Auburn Park	789	604.00
Calumet	716	359.00	Pittsfield	790	127.00

LODGE DUES RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR 1916.—*Continued.*

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Broadlands	791	76.00	Apple River	859	61.00
Calhoun	792	56.00	Metropolitan	860	612.00
A. T. Darrah	793	53.00	Sorento	861	31.00
Tadmor	794	20.00	Riverside	862	138.00
Myrtle	795	578.00	St. Andrews	863	469.00
E. M. Husted	796	108.00	Olympia	864	482.00
Normal Park	797	949.00	St. Cecilia	865	431.00
Sidell	798	81.00	West Salem	866	51.00
Colfax	799	86.00	Chadwick	867	83.00
Kenwood	800	795.00	Cornell	868	25.00
Sangamon	801	65.00	Maywood	869	391.00
Williamson	802	133.00	Lostant	870	62.00
Neponset	803	55.00	Argenta	871	76.00
Kensington	804	452.00	Free Will	872	68.00
S. M. Dalzell	805	145.00	Standard	873	655.00
Nebo	806	56.00	Nifong	874	37.00
Royal	807	50.00	Cornerstone	875	365.00
Cornland	808	74.00	William McKinley	876	483.00
Gillham	809	57.00	Granite City	877	258.00
Tracey	810	338.00	Equity	878	621.00
Melvin	811	68.00	Composite	879	414.00
DeLand	812	37.00	John B. Sherman	880	542.00
Humboldt Park	813	882.00	Marissa	881	60.00
Ohio	814	24.00	Boulevard	882	922.00
Lawn	815	345.00	Wheeler	883	31.00
Ridgeway	816	56.00	Bethany	884	68.00
Creal Springs	817	81.00	Villa Grove	885	127.00
Ben Hur	818	545.00	Hooppole	886	23.00
Columbian	819	662.00	Pyramid	887	86.00
Henderson	820	79.00	Damascus	888	401.00
New Canton	821	71.00	America	889	550.00
Belknap	822	79.00	Des Plaines	890	155.00
Pearl	823	79.00	Logan Square	891	551.00
Grove	824	246.00	Constellation	892	693.00
Arthur	825	92.00	Loraine	893	53.00
Mazon	826	120.00	Utopia	894	268.00
Sequit	827	89.00	Crescent	895	544.00
Edgar	829	91.00	Kosmos	896	341.00
Rockport	830	69.00	Ogden Park	897	539.00
Findlay	831	97.00	Silvis	898	138.00
Harvey	832	324.00	Park Manor	899	401.00
Dean	833	56.00	Carnation	900	425.00
Toledo	834	76.00	Edgewater	901	637.00
Triple	835	95.00	Alto	902	44.00
Windsor Park	836	446.00	Elkhart	903	60.00
Hindsboro	837	97.00	Carlock	904	69.00
Charity	838	42.00	Hanover	905	47.00
Berwyn	839	247.00	Coffeen	906	39.00
Alto Pass	840	58.00	Ancient Craft	907	434.00
Woodlawn Park	841	807.00	Gil. W. Barnard	908	144.00
Fides	842	263.00	Bee Hive	909	425.00
Park	843	534.00	Hull	910	62.00
Martinton	845	39.00	Bellflower	911	43.00
Bluffs	846	50.00	Stellar	912	60.00
Stronghurst	847	68.00	Aaron	913	287.00
London	848	41.00	Republic	914	230.00
Palestine	849	93.00	Jackson Park	915	345.00
Austin	850	971.00	Welcome	916	314.00
Chicago Heights	851	307.00	Concord	917	268.00
Gothic	852	527.00	Sessor	918	62.00
Latham	853	50.00	Elwood	919	54.00
Brighton Park	854	416.00	Cottonwood	920	30.00
King Oscar	855	815.00	Avondale	921	309.00
West Gate	856	44.00	Compass	922	210.00
Boyd D.	857	87.00	East Gate	923	456.00
Utica	858	43.00	Banner Blue	924	399.00

LODGE DUES RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR 1916.—*Concluded.*

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Molenna	925	47.00	Warrensburg	959	41.00
Veritas	926	706.00	Algonquin	960	46.00
Candida	927	304.00	Federal	961	134.00
Grant Park	928	40.00	Ben Franklin	962	379.00
Ashland	929	50.00	Broughton	963	28.00
Joseph Robbins	930	116.00	Maplewood	964	132.00
Wilmette	931	357.00	Cisco	965	36.00
Sandoval	932	73.00	Exemplar	966	208.00
Manlius	933	43.00	Dahlgren	967	26.00
Hinsdale	934	152.00	South Gate	896	79.00
LaMoine	935	32.00	East Moline	969	77.00
Rock Falls	936	120.00	St. Joseph	970	61.00
North Shore	937	601.00	Fernwood Park	971	84.00
Circle	938	224.00	Rainbow	972	154.00
Table Grove	939	49.00	Perserverance	973	160.00
Pleasant View	940	39.00	Albany Park	974	152.00
Elmhurst	941	173.00	Old Glory	975	225.00
Maple Park	942	33.00	Melrose Abbey	976	141.00
Bohemia	943	358.00	Parian	977	143.00
John C. Smith	944	293.00	Square	978	78.00
Buffalo	945	43.00	Stephen Decatur	979	185.00
Joy	946	68.00	Anchor	980	79.00
Kenmore	947	117.00	Trowel	981	96.00
R. F. Casey	948	27.00	Sincerity	982	345.00
Justice	949	362.00	Glencoe	983	129.00
Glen Ellyn	950	117.00	Emblem	984	163.00
Depue	951	47.00	Universal	985	134.00
Donovan	952	40.00	Brotherhood	986	390.00
Stone Arch	953	25.00	Cyrene	987	99.00
Progressive	954	231.00	Park Ridge	988	126.00
Cicero	955	144.00	Hyde Park	989	138.00
Washington Park	956	309.00	Clover Leaf	990	25.00
Prospect	957	124.00	Welfare	991	112.00
Prudence	958	310.00			
			Total		$147,984.90

DUES RECEIVED FOR PRECEDING YEARS.

Lodge No.		Amount	Lodge No.		Amount
51	Mt. Moriah	$.90	567	Frankfort	54.00
66	Pacific	2.70	602	Watson	2.70
124	Cedar	.90	603	Clark	.90
161	Virden	.90	633	E. F. W. Ellis	1.00
169	Nunda	1.80	642	Apollo	.90
171	Girard	.90	658	Rock Island	.90
219	Oakland	2.00	722	Walnut	.90
280	Kansas	1.00	723	Omaha	36.90
347	Sidney	.90	729	Lake Creek	.90
388	El Dara	.90	730	Eldorado	2.70
399	Buda	.90	776	Grand Crossing	1.80
423	Lanark	2.70	805	S. M. Dalzell	2.70
428	Sunbeam	.90	882	Boulevard	.90
488	Clay City	1.80	898	Silvis	.90
493	Tower Hill	4.50	909	Bee Hive	3.60
535	Sherman	1.00	955	Cicero	.90
536	Plainfield	1.00	958	Prudence	.90
540	Oak Park	1.00			$140.20

Dues Received from Lodges U. D.

Lodge No.	Amount	Lodge No.	Amount
Lawndale	$ 54.00	Leyden	42.00
Sunrise	31.00	Morgan Park	22.00
Integrity	35.00	Niagara	115.00
Portage Park	7.00	Fortitude	4.00
Baylis	6.00		
Paul Revere	24.00		$396.00
True Blue	56.00		

Dispensation Fees Received.

Niagara	$100.00	Paul Revere	100.00
Leyden	100.00	Morgan Park	100.00
True Blue	100.00	Portgage Park	100.00
Lawndale	100.00	Fortitude	100.00
Sunrise	100.00	Wayfarers	100.00
Baylis	100.00		
Integrity	100.00		$1,200.00

Receipts From All Sources.

GENERAL FUND.

Balance Oct. 5, 1915	$104,122.92
Dispensation received from Henry T. Burnap	104.00
Dispensation received from Ralph H. Wheeler	1,288.00
Official receipts	818.06
Blue book and ceremonials	242.16
Music books	440.25
Mileage and per diem, returned	27.30
Interest city of Cleveland bonds	80.00
Interest Cook county bonds	1,120.00
Interest Cook county court house bonds	60.00
Interest city of Chicago bonds	1,500.00
Order from charity fund	547.12
Express returned	1.58
Appropriation returned	4.18
Defunct lodge dues	12.05
Dues lodges U. D.	217.80
Dues preceding years	85.15
Dues 1916	81,335.70
Total	$192,006.27

Disbursements.

Orders have been drawn on the general fund at and since the last annual meeting, for the following amounts:

To mileage and per diem paid officers and committees	$ 4,225.30
To mileage and per diem paid representatives	17,398.26

Check Number		
570	Ralph E. Libberton, music committee	10.00
571	Jesse E. Roberts, legal services for I. M. O. H.	200.00
572	Frederic J. Squibb, court reporting for I. M. O. H.	7.50
573	Albert M. Cross, legal services for I. M. O. H.	150.00
574	B. I. Pumpelly, expenses D. D. G. M.	9.30
575	F. H. Bradley, expenses D. D. G. M.	47.25
576	Owen Scott, committee on correspondence	500.00
577	C. S. Gurney, expenses as grand tyler	100.00
578	C. S. Gurney, sundry expenses	60.00
579	Z. T. Griffin, stenographer	50.00
580	Oriental Consistory, rent	300.00
581	Henry T. Burnap, stenographer for past year	600.00
582	R. M. Johnson and Son, past grand master jewel with diamond	125.00
583	H. P. Behrensmeyer, engrossing charters	27.50
584	Andrew McNally, expenses as grand marshal	28.00
585	Adams Moving and Storage Co., services	5.75
586	Charles M. Stewart, stenographer	27.00
587	Isaac Cutter, expenses at grand lodge	76.75
588	I. Harry Todd, expenses at grand lodge	26.39
589	S. D. Childs & Co., stationery for grand master	75.75
590	W. L. Teichler, expenses Granite City	20.25
591	Ralph H. Wheeler, expenses board of relief	24.65
592	Henry T. Burnap, expenses grand master's office for part of October	37.27
593	Ralph H. Wheeler, salary as grand master	208.33
594	Isaac Cutter, salary as grand secretary	250.00
595	I. Harry Todd, salary as deputy grand secretary	100.00
596	Ralph H. Wheeler, stenographer, etc	100.00
597	Isaac Cutter, office help	40.00
598	J. L. Klemme, expenses district deputy grand master	12.16
599	C. M. Fike, expenses Sullivan	7.46
1	S. D. Childs & Co., stationery for grand master	4.25
2	S. D. Childs & Co., stationery for grand master	11.40
3	Isaac Cutter, office expense	108.60
4	Ralph H. Wheeler, office expense	33.78
5	H. Rainier, merchandise	5.85

6	Central Illinois Public Service Company, light	3.10
7	L. O. Sutton, express and telegrams	36.70
8	Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Co., printing	180.29
9	L. A. Tripp, expenses district deputy grand master	12.21
10	A. B. Garman, engrossing resolutions	30.00
11	Ralph H. Wheeler, salary as grand master	208.33
12	Isaac Cutter, salary as grand secretary	250.00
13	I. Harry Todd, salary as deputy grand secretary	100.00
14	Ralph H. Wheeler, stenographer, etc	100.00
15	Isaac Cutter, office help	40.00
16	Edward H. Thomas, expenses visiting homes	14.25
17	Edward H. Thomas, expenses finance committee to Camp Point	26.88
18	D. G. Fitzgerrell, expenses funeral of W. W. Thomas	20.40
19	Rayner, Dalheim & Co., alterations on masonic book	1.00
20	Ralph H. Wheeler, office expense	55.29
21	E. H. Rollins & Sons, Cook county hospital bonds and int	25,419.45
22	Geo. Hornstein Co., printing abstract (La Grange school)	175.50
23	Stevens, Maloney & Co., index record	1.87
24	Isaac Cutter, office expense	204.26
25	Central Illinois Public Service Co., light	1.84
26	H. P. Behrensmeyer, engrossing commissions	61.50
27	S. D. Childs & Co., stationery for grand secretary	66.50
28	Elmer T. Selby, printing	58.10
29	Folckemer Hardware Co., miscellaneous expense	1.20
30	Pantagraph Ptg. & Sta. Co., printing and express	610.38
31	Ralph H. Wheeler, salary as grand master	208.33
32	Isaac Cutter, salary as grand secretary	250.00
33	I. Harry Todd, salary as deputy grand secretary	100 00
34	L. A. Goddard, salary as grand treasurer	100.00
35	Ralph H. Wheeler, stenographer, etc	100.00
36	Isaac Cutter, office help	40.00
37	City of Chicago, Chicago city bonds	25,494.45
38	C. S. Gurney, expenses as grand tyler (two places)	19.44
39	James K. Lambert, expenses Rockford	4.75
40	Otto W. L. Teichler, expenses as grand tyler (11 places)	100.29
41	Geo. Hornstein & Co., reply brief (La Grange school)	37.50
42	Roberts and Swain, La Grange school appeal case	547.12
43	A. H. Bell, expenses advisory committee meeting	14.80
44	A. H. Scrogin, expenses advisory committee meeting	10.90
45	Isaac Cutter, expenses advisory committee meeting	20.25
46	Enoch H. Fleming, expenses district deputy grand master	2.66
47	Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Co., printing and distribution	3,288.53

48	Francis and Spence, premium on insurance	122.00
49	Rayner, Dalheim & Co., printing 1000 odes	89.90
50	The Elliott Co., one roll green tape	.58
51	Shea Smith and Co., card cabinet and index guides	2.80
52	H. Rainier, merchandise	2.15
53	Ralph H. Wheeler, office expense	30.11
54	Fred A. Garrett, electric work and supplies	2.55
55	L. A. Hall, oil	.50
56	Central Illinois Public Service Co., light	2.68
57	Isaac Cutter, office expense	161.83
58	Curry Hardware Company, storage stove and lamp	4.10
59	A. H. Bell, expenses committee on Robbins memorial	8.88
60	Owen Scott, expenses committee on Robbins memorial	10.45
61	Anthony Doherty, expenses Chicago (four days)	55.80
62	S. C. D. Rea, expenses Chicago (four days)	57.83
63	R. C. Davenport, expenses Chicago (four days)	59.90
64	H. S. Wiley, expenses Chicago (four days)	48.88
65	Maxwell Levy, expenses Chicago (four days)	26.00
66	D. G. Fitzgerrell, expenses advisory committee meeting	19.68
67	Anthony Doherty, school Carbondale	35.50
68	Maxwell Levy, school Carbondale	55.70
69	Henry S. Wiley, school Carbondale	46.20
70	R. C. Davenport, school Carbondale	40.90
71	S. C. D. Rea, school Carbondale	50.40
72	Illinois Masonic Review, bible	10.14
73	Ralph H. Wheeler, expenses grand master and grand chaplain, Carbondale	47.16
74	S. D. Childs & Co., stationery for grand master	4.50
75	Lloyd Thomas Co., services at masonic homes	465.00
76	Ralph H. Wheeler, salary as grand master	208.33
77	Isaac Cutter, salary as grand secretary	250.00
78	I. Harry Todd, salary as deputy grand secretary	100.00
79	Ralph H. Wheeler, stenographer, etc	100.00
80	Isaac Cutter, office help	40.00
81	Jos. E. Dyas, expenses advisory council meeting	18.10
82	H. H. Hoffman & Co., one desk pad	.75
83	Anthony Doherty, school Peoria	55.70
84	Maxwell Levy, school Peoria	41.10
85	H. S. Wiley, schools	77.46
86	R. C. Davenport, schools	119.00
87	S. C. D. Rea, schools	65.70
88	Maxwell Levy, school at Danville	47.00
89	August Thorpe, Jr., & Co., premium on insurance	1,072.80
90	Ralph H. Wheeler, office expense	100.68

91	Isaac Cutter, office expense	160.29
92	Central Illinois Public Service Co., light	2.75
93	Underwood Typewriter Co., ribbon coupon	7.00
94	H. P. Behrensmeyer, engrossing	4.64
95	G. F. Roberts, coal	10.81
96	Pantagraph Ptg. & Sta. Co., printing and distribution	1,543.21
97	August Thorpe, Jr., & Co., premium on insurance and extg.	397.05
98	C. S. Gurney, express to La Grange	3.86
99	Imperial quartet, music at Peoria school	57.00
100	Chas. T. Neiglick, rent of palms for Davis funeral	15.00
101	Anthony Doherty, schools	104.00
102	H. S. Wiley, school at Decatur	27.50
103	R. C. Davenport, schools	109.30
104	S. C. D. Rea, school at Decatur	53.50
105	Maxwell Levy, school at Decatur	42.30
106	Jos. Fort Newton, expenses to Peoria school	23.90
107	C. S. Taylor, expenses closing out Cordova No. 543	1.88
108	Ralph H. Wheeler, salary as grand master	208.33
109	Isaac Cutter, salary as grand secretary	250.00
110	I. Harry Todd, salary as deputy grand secretary	100.00
111	Ralph H. Wheeler, stenographer, etc	100.00
112	Isaac Cutter, office help	40.00
113	J. E. Jeffers, chimes	10.00
114	Wm. H. Bied, expenses as grand marshal (10 places)	72.84
115	R. Keene Ryan, expenses as grand chaplain to Decatur	14.16
116	C. S. Gurney, expenses as grand tyler to Auburn Park	18.50
117	Anthony Doherty, schools	72.90
118	Maxwell Levy, school at Rock Island	43.10
119	H. S. Wiley, school at Rock Island	42.60
120	R. C. Davenport, schools	77.60
121	S. C. D. Rea, schools	127.95
122	Ralph H. Wheeler, office expense	73.47
123	Isaac Cutter, office expense	184.03
124	Pantagraph Ptg. & Sta. Co., printing	148.86
125	H. P. Behrensmeyer, engrossing	2.50
126	Elmer T. Selby, printing	63.00
127	Central Illinois Public Service Co., light	2.61
128	W. H. Peterson, battery	.40
129	Folckemer Hardware Co., miscellaneous expense	1.80
130	Ottman Badge Co., repairing seal	2.75
131	Oscar A. Kropf, expenses to Rock Island school	15.24
132	Void	
133	Anthony Doherty, schools	65.50
134	Maxwell Levy, school at Rockford	33.50

135	H. S. Wiley, schools	106.42
136	R. C. Davenport, schools	139.70
137	S. C. D. Rea, schools	119.85
138	Wm. H. Bied, expenses as grand marshal at Rockford	11.65
139	A. H. Scrogin, expenses to Chicago and Rockford	27.50
140	C. S. Gurney, expense as grand tyler to Rockford	21.10
141	Ralph H. Wheeler, salary as grand master	208.33
142	L. A. Goddard, salary as grand treasurer	100.00
143	Isaac Cutter, salary as grand secretary	250.00
144	I. Harry Todd, salary as deputy grand secretary	100.00
145	Ralph H. Wheeler, stenographer, etc	100.00
146	Isaac Cutter, office help	40.00
147	Henry Stuckart, taxes on La Grange property (in place of order No. 132)	981.75
148	Anthony Doherty, expenses district school and examiners, Chicago	45.94
149	Maxwell Levy, expenses district school and examiners, Chicago	51.00
150	H. S. Wiley, expenses district school and examiners, Chicago	44.00
151	R. C. Davenport, expenses district school and examiners, Chicago	46.33
152	S. C. D. Rea, expenses district school and examiners, Chicago	45.73
153	A. H. Scrogin, expenses Washington memorial association	75.00
154	A. H. Scrogin, expenses Mace and self on Seright case	7.25
155	Ralph H. Wheeler, office expense	76.13
156	Isaac Cutter, office expense	106.62
157	W. H. Petersen, battery and bulb	.60
158	Central Ill. Public Service Company, light	2.40
159	Shea Smith & Co., card cabinet and guides	2.28
160	Elmer T. Selby, printing	4.00
161	Pantagraph Ptg. & Sta. Co., printing	160.76
162	Isaac Cutter, office expense	22.60
163	Wainright Davis, expense commission at Hurst	6.40
164	H. B. Jones, expense commission at Hurst	.81
165	Ernest S. Alden, expense commission at Hurst	4.40
166	Ralph H. Wheeler, salary as grand master	208.33
167	Isaac Cutter, salary as grand secretary	250.00
168	I. Harry Todd, salary as deputy grand secretary	100.00
169	Ralph H. Wheeler, stenographer, etc	100.00
170	Isaac Cutter, office help	40.00
171	Isaac Cutter, office expense	142.59
172	Ralph H. Wheeler, office expense	51.20
173	Pantagraph Ptg. & Sta. Co., printing	485.60
174	H. P. Behrensmeyer, engrossing	4.18

175	H. Rainier, merchandise	2.55
176	Folckemer Hardware Co., merchandise	3.70
177	Underwood Typewriter Co., repair	1.50
178	G. F. Roberts, coal	4.80
179	Multipost Co., repairs	2.14
180	C. S. Gurney, expenses as grand tyler to Danville	21.03
181	W. H. Bied, expenses as grand marshal to Danville	13.67
182	Isaac Cutter, expenses advisory council meeting	22.75
183	A. H. Bell, expenses advisory council meeting	10.00
184	A. H. Scrogin, expenses advisory council meeting	10.90
185	J. E. Dyas, expenses advisory council meeting	19.44
186	Wm. H. Bied, expenses grand marshal to Granite City	25.00
187	J. L. Klemme, expenses district deputy grand master	3.70
188	Chas. H. Ireland, expenses district deputy grand master	43.01
1	Ralph H. Wheeler, salary as grand master	208.33
2	Isaac Cutter, salary as grand secretary	250.00
3	I. Harry Todd, salary as deputy grand secretary	100.00
4	Ralph H. Wheeler, stenographer, etc	100.00
5	Isaac Cutter, office help	40.00
6	James A. Steele, cash paid for taxes on Sullivan property	133.00
7	C. S. Gurney, expenses grand tyler to Granite City	28.12
8	E. H. Switzer, premium on personal baggage insurance	5.00
9	Ralph H. Wheeler, office expense	73.62
10	Isaac Cutter, office expense	155.59
11	Central Illinois Public Service Co., light	1.70
12	H. P. Behrensmeyer, engrossing commissions	4.18
13	Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Co., printing	66.10
14	Ottman Badge Co., repairing seal	2.00
15	Elmer T. Selby, printing	34.25
16	C. F. Wm. Schultz, expenses district deputy grand master	58.80
17	Geo. McKitrick, expenses district deputy grand master	33.93
18	Wm. H. Bied, expenses grand marshal to Virden	19.89
19	E. W. Peterson, expenses to Virden	16.63
20	C. S. Gurney, expenses as grand tyler to Virden	31.03
21	Harris A. Schulze, expenses committee to Mounds	1.46
22	D. G. Fitzgerrell, expenses to advisory council	18.33
23	R. C. Davenport, examination at Bloomington	49.16
24	Anthony Doherty, examination at Bloomington	49.06
25	Henry S. Wiley, examination at Bloomington	33.75
26	Maxwell Levy, examination at Bloomington	33.78
27	S. C. D. Rea, examination at Bloomington	47.60
28	John W. Hill, expenses committee on Monitor	18.18
29	L. Walker, expenses committee to Mounds	1.32
30	Masonic Relief Association, warning circulars	696.35

31	Ralph H. Wheeler, salary as grand master	208.33
32	Isaac Cutter, salary as grand secretary	250.00
33	L. A. Goddard, salary as grand treasurer	100.00
34	I. Harry Todd, salary as deputy grand secretary	100.00
35	Ralph H. Wheeler, stenographer, etc	100.00
36	Isaac Cutter, office help	40.00
37	Ralph H. Wheeler, office expense	58.70
38	John F. Schott, expenses district deputy grand master	11.08
39	W. R. McLean, expenses district deputy grand master	25.01
40	Elmer T. Selby, printing	5.55
41	Pantagraph Ptg. & Sta. Co., printing	511.43
42	L. A. Hall, merchandise	.55
43	Chas. T. Neiglick, floral piece for Mrs. Moulton	15.00
44	Central Illinois Public Service Company, light	1.43
45	Isaac Cutter, office expense	25.02
46	A. C. Metcalf, expense district deputy grand master	35.75
47	G. Haven Stevens, expenses district deputy grand master	23.00
48	A. J. Struebing, expenses to Ipava	21.88
49	N. E. Murray, expenses to Ipava	23.43
50	Gordon Pillow, expenses district deputy grand master	27.31
51	J. E. Jeffers, expenses to Arthur and Danville	14.20
52	Isaac Cutter, expenses to Chicago, Arthur, Danville, Ipava	65.45
53	Ralph H. Wheeler, salary as grand master	208.33
54	Isaac Cutter, salary as grand secretary	250.00
55	I. Harry Todd, salary as deputy grand secretary	100.00
56	Ralph H. Wheeler, stenographer, etc	100.00
57	Isaac Cutter, office help	40.00
58	H. P. Behrensmeyer, engrossing commissions	1.79
59	Charles W. Dean, expenses district deputy grand master	44.78
60	F. E. Edgerton, expenses district deputy grand master	21.08
61	Mark C. Kellar, expenses district deputy grand master	34.82
62	Chas. F. Stoll, expenses district deputy grand master	26.57
63	Chas. C. Sawyer, expenses district deputy grand master	23.59
64	R. M. Riggs, expenses district deputy grand master	27.97
65	W. E. Marble, expenses as grand tyler	24.74
66	Thos. H. Hobbs, expenses district deputy grand master	57.83
67	Dan G. Fitzgerrell, expenses to Chrisman	8.00
68	C. S. Gurney, expenses of grand tyler	8.64
69	C. L. Tanner, expense district deputy grand master	35.04
70	Central Illinois Public Service Co., light	.95
71	Folckemer Hardware Co., miscellaneous expenses	3.50
72	Isaac Cutter, office expense	106.57
73	Pantagraph Ptg. & Sta. Co., printing Robbins Memorial	1,379.47
74	Pantagraph Ptg. & Sta. Co., printing	159.60

75	Ralph H. Wheeler, office expense	44.62
76	John T. Miller, expenses district deputy grand master	49.79
77	L. A. Tripp, expenses district deputy grand master	51.86
78	D. G. Fitzgerrell, expenses to Sorento	10.94
79	J. F. Blakeslee, expenses district deputy grand master	14.45
80	R. C. Fletcher, expenses to four places	13.65
81	S. A. Wright, expenses district deputy grand master	52.31
82	A. T. Peters, expenses district deputy grand master	22.02
83	Ralph H. Wheeler, salary as grand master	208.33
84	Ralph H. Wheeler, stenographer, etc	100.00
85	Isaac Cutter, substitute for I. H. Todd	100.00
86	Isaac Cutter, office help	40.00
87	Isaac Cutter, salary as grand secretary	250.00
88	Ralph H. Wheeler, office expense	15.71
89	Elmer T. Selby, printing	23.50
90	Pantagraph Ptg. & Sta. Co., printing	20.62
91	Isaac Cutter, office expense	25.97
92	Samuel E. Griggs, Jr., expenses district deputy grand master	16.24
93	Jay L. Brewster, expenses district deputy grand master	13.50
94	J. L. Klemme, expenses district deputy grand master	23.62
95	E. J. Cowling, expenses district deputy grand master	48.42
96	David Wright, expenses district deputy grand master	15.51
97	Chas. S. Bourque, expenses district deputy grand master	31.88
98	Emory Edwards, expenses district deputy grand master	14.35
99	Thos. Moyer, expenses district deputy grand master	28.48
100	Keith T. Strattan, district deputy grand master	37.55
101	Error	
102	L. A. Goddard, salary as grand treasurer	100.00
103	Ralph H. Wheeler, salary as grand master	208.37
104	Isaac Cutter, salary as grand secretary	250.00
105	Isaac Cutter, substitute for I. H. Todd	100.00
106	Isaac Cutter, office help	40.00
107	Ralph H. Wheeler, stenographer, etc	100.00
108	S. Th. Almberg, three M. ballot books (C. S. Gurney)	18.75
109	R. C. Davenport, committee on monitor	19.90
110	Anthony Doherty, committee on monitor	15.28
111	D. G. Fitzgerrell, committee on monitor	16.90
112	S. C. D. Rea, committee on monitor	19.50
113	William H. Bied, expenses as grand marshal (3 places)	15.60
114	F. R. Smedley, expenses as district deputy grand master	14.50
115	W. H. Rupe, expenses as district deputy grand master	3.81
116	James T. Athey, expenses as district deputy grand master	8.00
117	J. W. Brockway, expenses as district deputy grand master	20.50
118	Nimrod Mace, expenses as district deputy grand master	4.50

119	E. H. Fleming, expenses as district deputy grand master	61.60
120	H. Rainier, merchandise (ink, etc.)	.75
121	Isaac Cutter, office expense	130.41
122	Pantagraph Ptg. & Sta. Co., printing	118.46
123	Ralph H. Wheeler, office expense	38.07
124	Elmer T. Selby, printing	21.00
125	Henry S. Wiley, expenses monitor committee	15.50
	Total	$104,853.10

Summary of Orders Drawn.

GENERAL FUND.

Mileage and per diem, officers	$ 4,225.30
Mileage and per diem, representatives	17,398.26
Salaries	7,100.00
Printing and distributing proceedings	4,232.27
Miscellaneous printing	3,520.23
School of instruction	1,820.52
Miscellaneous expenses	7,372.10
Official receipts	739.99
Blue books and ceremonials	242.16
Music odes	497.90
Expenses, grand master's office	656.18
Expenses, grand secretary's office	1,637.52
Expense, district deputy grand master	1,151.62
Stenographer, etc., for grand master	1,200.00
Office help, for grand secretary	480.00
Expenses, advisory council	165.15
Committee on correspondence	500.00
Salary, grand tyler	100.00
Oriental consistory	300.00
Stenographer for grand master, 1915	600.00
Investments	50,913.90
	$104,853.10

Recapitulation.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts, all sources	$192,006.27
Orders drawn	104,853.10
Balance	$ 87,153.17

Charity Fund.

RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.

Balance Oct. 5, 1915	$63,887.10
Unexpended balance, Illinois masonic home	24.17
Unexpended balance, I. M. O. H.	1,772.57
Interest on Illinois Central bonds	400.00
Interest on U. S. bonds	210.00
Interest on Mattoon township bonds	320.00
Interest on Cook county bonds	500.00
Interest on city of Chicago bonds	500.00
Interest on U. S. bonds	47.50
Interest on Wabash railway bonds	40.00
Interest on Lincoln Park bonds	200.00
Sale Adam Becker note	6,843.96
Rent and dividend on stock	1,226.81
Donation from R. A. M. hospital	5,000.00
Cash from defunct lodges	70.33
Estate Charles C. Bishop	127.56
Dividend Columbia Life Insurance Co	3.50
Bequest H. C. Hughes	500.00
Dividend Deere & Co., stock	87.50
Sale and interest U. S. bonds	6,281.70
Sale Columbia Life Insurance stock	121.98
Dividend Western Lime & Coal	593.75
Sale Deere & Co. stock	4,436.50
Dividend Temple stock	24.00
Defunct lodge dues	10.75
Dues preceding years	55.05
Dues lodges U. D.	178.20
Dues 1916	66,649.20
	$160,112.13

Charity Fund.

Orders have been drawn on this fund since the last annual meeting, as follows:

Check Number		
166	C. S. Gurney, maintenance home at La Grange	$10,500.00
167	C. S. Gurney, maintenance home at Sullivan	18,000.00
168	C. S. Gurney, bal. indebtedness before hospital was opened	24.17
169	C. S. Gurney, building changes at La Grange	4,000.00
170	C. S. Gurney, refrigerator	3,500.00

171	C. S. Gurney, laundry at Sullivan	1,000.00
172	C. S. Gurney, donation to hospital from grand R. A. chapter	5,000.00
173	C. S. Gurney, new barn at Sullivan	2,000.00
174	Charity, order of grand lodge	10.00
175	To general fund (to take the place of order No. 42, in favor of Roberts & Swain)	547.12
176	Charity, order of grand lodge	10.00
177	D. G. Fitzgerrell, for charity	50.00
178	Charity, order of grand lodge	10.00
179	C. S. Gurney, appropriation to home at La Grange	5,250.00
180	C. S. Gurney, appropriation to home at Sullivan	9,000.00
181	Charity, order of grand lodge	10.00
182	Charity, order of grand lodge	10.00
183	Charity, order of grand lodge	10.00
184	Charity, order of grand lodge	10.00
185	City of Chicago, harbor construction bonds	11,156.44
1	Charity, order of grand lodge	10.00
2	C. S. Gurney, appropriation for manual training at La Grange	1,000.00
3	Charity, order of grand lodge	10.00
4	C. S. Gurney, maintenance home at La Grange	5,250.00
5	C. S. Gurney, maintenance home at Sullivan	9,000.00
6	C. S. Gurney, balance in erection of barn Sullivan	10,000.00
7	Charity, order of grand lodge	10.00
8	Charity, order of grand lodge	10.00
9	Charity, order of grand lodge	100.00
10	Charity, order of grand lodge	10.00
11	L. A. Goddard, investment, City of Chicago bonds (Hughes estate)	505.00
		$96,002.73

Summary of Orders Drawn—Charity Fund.

Maintenance I. M. H.	$36,000.00
Maintenance I. M. O. H.	21,000.00
Building changes I. M. O. H.	4,000.00
Refrigerator	3,500.00
Laundry	1,000.00
Hospital Sullivan (R. A. M.)	5,000.00
Barn at Sullivan	12,000.00
Manual Training	1,000.00
Investment (Harbor bonds)	11,156.44
Transferred to general fund	547.12

Balance on hospital	24.17
Ordered by charity committee	270.00
Investment (City of Chicago bonds) (Hughes estate)	505.00
	$96,002.73

RECAPITULATION.

CHARITY FUND.

Summary of receipts, all sources	$160,112.13
Summary of orders drawn	96,002.73
Balance	$ 64,109.40

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC CUTTER,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT—Committee on Correspondence.

Bro. Charles H. Martin presented his report as Committee on Correspondence. It was received, ordered printed in the proceedings and will be found in the appendix.

Bro. Delmar D. Darrah spoke of the sickness and absence of Bro. Albert B. Ashley, Past Grand Master, and moved that the Grand Secretary be instructed to take a bouquet to him at the hospital, with the best wishes of the brethren of the Grand Lodge. The motion was adopted.

INTRODUCTIONS.

Bro. Leroy A. Goddard introduced to the brethren of the Grand Lodge Past Grand Master Monroe C. Crawford, in the following words:

M.W. GRAND MASTER:—By the operation of the law of nature and by the Divine order of life, there has appeared a change in the name of the Dean of the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge. Our dear brother, William H. Scott, whose spirit passed behind the veil during the year just past, had been the Dean since the death of Bro. Joseph Robbins. In this

position there is never a vacancy. There is not the smallest fraction of time between the change. There is sadness in the suggestion of this change of names because its making recalls the visit of the Messenger of Death. The successor does not assume the position, he is not installed, no announcement makes him so. He is. No Mason desires this position and yet no one can or would dodge it or decline it if he could. No one would think of passing it on to another or in any way interfering with his own coming into it. This is one position in which there is no choice; the inevitable must be accepted.

I am presenting the dear brother before you with a feeling of sentiment, of affection, and of an indescribable emotion because I rank next in line to him. I cannot give expression to the thoughts that run through me. I never want to see him vacate it.

In 1887 he placed me in nomination as his successor in the position of Junior Grand Warden. I followed him through the chairs to the position of Grand Master. Not only have we been in close Masonic touch for the past forty years, but I have known him and loved him from my early boyhood. He has been a Mason for sixty-one years. I do not know how long he has been a member of this Grand Lodge, but I suspect for well over forty years. I present as the dean of the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge Bro. Monroe C. Crawford, and I do not hesitate to say that no one stands higher in our minds in the estimation of character and manhood, and no brother stands closer in the affections of our hearts than does this good man.

Bro. Crawford responded, thanking Bro. Goddard and the Grand Lodge, as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge: This is a great honor that I was not expecting. Bro. Goddard did not tell me that he was going to do this. I thank him for it, and brethren, I thank you for the manner in which you have received this announcement. I have no address that I will make to you further than these thanks.

Bro. Owen Scott introduced Bro. John S. Kosier in the following words:

Brethren: We have in this Grand Lodge today a man who sat in this body in 1860. There was present at that time as Grand Master of Masons of Illinois, Abraham Jonas, the first Grand Master of this Grand Lodge; the Grand Master who presided was Ira A. W. Buck. The good Brother here today on this platform is a member of the lodge at Byron, Illinois,

and a man who for his age, almost 90, is in vigorous health and activity. I ask that you allow him to be presented to the Grand Lodge just at this time. I present to you Bro. John S. Kosier, member of Byron Lodge No. 274, Byron, Ill.

Bro. Kosier responded as follows:

BRETHREN: I was born in Pennsylvania June 29, 1830. I came to Illinois in 1852. I was raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason in Byron Lodge 274, in 1858. Was appointed Senior Deacon of my Lodge Dec. 11, 1858. In 1859 was elected Master of my Lodge from the floor, under dispensation from Grand Master Ira A. W. Buck. I served my lodge as Master eighteen years in succession. I then retired for three years; at the end of that time I was again elected Master and served three years, making twenty-one years in all that I served my lodge as Master. I entered the Grand Lodge the first time in 1860. At that time all the old Masons were present including Abram Jonas, Ira A. W. Buck, William Lavely and others. Harman G. Reynolds was Grand Secretary at that time and Wiley M. Egan was Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Samuel A. Calhoun, a member of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, was presented by the Grand Master. Bro. Calhoun is a personal friend of the Grand Master. He responded briefly.

RESOLUTION.

Bro. Alexander H. Bell presented the following resolution. It was adopted.

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed by the Grand Master to consider the question of the safe keeping of the records in the Grand Secretary's office, with direction that they make report thereon at this meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master appointed the following named brethren:

Bro. Alexander H. Bell, Bro. William B. Wright, Bro. Edward H. Thomas, Bro. Arthur E. Wood, Bro. Harry L. Browning.

REPORT—Committee on Jurisprudence.

Bro. Monroe C. Crawford, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. On motion it was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to report on the matters referred to it as follows:

1. We concur in the recommendation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master relating to the preparation of a system of teaching the principles, laws, rules, regulations, customs and usages of the fraternity by questions and answers, based on the Code, in order that the requirements of Section A, Code 183 may be fully met, and suggest that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be authorized to appoint some capable brother to prepare such questions and answers to be submitted to this committee not later than May 1, 1917, for revision and approval, that they may be submitted to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, at its 1917 meeting for adoption or rejection.

The effect of the adoption by the Grand Lodge to be, to require all applicants for commissions as Deputy Grand Lecturers, to be examined on these questions and answers in addition to the examination now required.

2. We adhere to our opinion expressed to the Most Worshipful Grand Master "That Code No. 614 does not disqualify a non-affiliated Mason from signing a petition for a new lodge, as provided in Code No. 635, inasmuch as such act can only be construed as a petition for affiliation," and to our interpretation of the provisions of Code No. 61 as follows: "The recommendation of any three of the six lodges domiciled nearest to the proposed location of a lodge to be formed under dispensation in the city of Chicago is sufficient, subject to the discretion of the Grand Master, to justify the issuance of a dispensation to form such new lodge, even though one or more of the aforesaid six nearest lodges may refuse to recommend the granting of such dispensation."

3. We consider the decision of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to the effect that when a life member has not been heard from for more than seven years, he should be considered legally dead and his name dropped from the roll of active membership, as sound in law.

4. We think the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his directions as to procedure, in case of a change of name by a brother, is correct and proper, and a sufficient precedent to cover such cases in the future without any addition to the Code upon the subject.

5. We approve what the Most Worshipful Grand Master so well says in his report regarding lodge publications.

We believe lodges should be allowed to publish "Notes" and "Bulletins," but should be required to observe Masonic propriety in so doing, and to this end we recommend that all matter published be required to have the sanction of the Master of the lodge, and that he be held responsible for the publication for any improper matter.

6. We regard the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in his effort to enforce Code No. 315 as within his prerogative. Abuses of this character manifest themselves from time to time but as a rule are local in their manifestations, and in the judgment of your committee may safely be left for the Grand Master to deal with as occasions and conditions may seem to him to require.

Fraternally submitted,

MONROE C. CRAWFORD,
OWEN SCOTT,
GEO. M. MOULTON,
WM. B. WRIGHT,
C. E. ALLEN,
Committee.

REPORT—Committee on Libraries.

Bro. Charles W. Walduck, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Libraries. It was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your committee is pleased to report a very satisfactory condition so far as the libraries in our splendid Masonic Homes at La Grange and Sullivan are concerned; and the spontaneous generosity of good friends has made the task of this committee easy and not at all burdensome.

The reading room at La Grange is commodious, and very neat and attractive. The books are methodically arranged and tabulated, and yet are free and easy of access to the children.

Gifts and donations to this library are as follows:

Brother George M. Moulton:

Seventeen volumes American Encyclopedia.
Forty-three volumes miscellaneous literature.
Together with a splendid library book case.

Brothers Louis Berndt, H. F. Sherman, Albert E. Briden and S. Brown:

Thirty-two volumes of books especially adapted for boys.

Mrs. Eleanor Rolfe of Golden Rod Chapter No. 205:

Twenty-three volumes, for boys and girls.

The Home at Sullivan is plentifully supplied with the literature that is the most popular with the old folks, viz.: Newspapers and magazines, although it would be well to provide more space for reading room and library appointments.

The regular subscription list consists of:

The Chicago Tribune, 10 subscriptions.
The Decatur Herald, 12 subscriptions.
McClure's Magazine, 4 subscriptions.
Ladies' Home Journal, 20 subscriptions.
Saturday Evening Post.
Country Gentleman.
Metropolitan Magazine.
Popular Mechanics, etc.

Detailed report of receipts and expenditures as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, October 1, 1915	$ 862.22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 5, 1915, Chicago Tribune, 10 subscriptions	$ 40.00
Dec. 13, 1915, The Crowell Publishing Co. for 2 year subscriptions, McClure's	8.00
Dec. 15, 1915, Mrs. Gertrude Gardner, magazine renewals	19.50
Dec. 18, 1915, The Modern Hospital, subscription	5.00
April 6, 1916, Mrs. Gertrude Gardner, magazines	62.50
April 24, 1916, The Decatur Herald, 12 copies	27.00
Sept. 13, 1916, E. C. Barber, Sunday papers	64.20
Sept. 20, 1916, A. C. McClurg & Co., books	26.33
Sept. 30, 1916, A. C. McClurg & Co., books	14.48
Total disbursements	$307.01
Balance on hand, October 1, 1916	$ 555.21

But while the work of your committee has been confined exclusively to the Masonic Homes, yet it would seem that there might be a larger field of endeavor. "Words are the only things that last forever," which means

"Books." We have in the State of Illinois 847 active working lodges; there should be therefore 847 Masonic Libraries, or a nucleus; an imposing array is not necessary, "For a library is not a mere collection of volumes; it is a room furnished or embellished with them." Some of our lodges are already provided, but many are not, and while it may not be in the province of this committee at this date to offer a recommendation, yet some time it might be well to submit an appropriate and tentative list of books, with the recommendation to purchase at least some of them, so that every lodge will have its own book-shelf.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES W. WALDUCK,
G. W. PUMPHREY,
GEO. L. HILLIKER,
Committee.

RESOLUTION.

Bro. Alexander H. Bell offered the following resolution. It was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be paid to Bro. Owen Scott for his services in connection with the memorial volume to Bro. Joseph Robbins and that the additional sum of one hundred dollars be paid to Bro. Scott for the use of the stenographer who did the stenographic and typewriting work in connection with the production of such volume.

REPORT—Committee on Obituaries.

Bro. Thomas G. Kerwin presented the report of the Committee on Obituaries. It was adopted by a rising vote.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Brethren:

We are grateful that during the masonic year now closing, nothing occurred to decimate our rank unnaturally. The just debt of nature is all our jurisdiction has been required to discharge, and while many of us feel the bereavement of departed comrades, yet, as a fraternity, we have every reason to rejoice in the goodness of the Divine Keeper and Preserver of Men.

The duty bestowed upon your Committee of reviewing the life records of brethren who, in their respective Jurisdictions, have triumphed in the masonic arena, is not only an edifying work, but a benefit that tends to deepen our devotion and strengthen our endeavors.

In contemplating the many obituary announcements that come to us from various parts of the globe—announcements that briefly, but loyally recount the lives, deeds and achievements of distinguished craftsmen who have recently "shuffled off this mortal coil" and whose worth and works merit masonic perpetuation, we invariably find them to be brief biographical sketches of brethren whose aims and ideals pointed ever onward and upward—and yet who always adapted themselves to conditions—capable of being "humble in humble estate, lofty in lofty;" some of whom struggled from poverty to affluence; from youths of humble beginnings to citizens renowned for honor, culture, integrity and benevolence.

No profession or calling is shown favoritism, and none seems to preponderate. Character only appears to be the "open sesame" to masonic laurels.

Here we see Judges, Lawyers, Theologians, Doctors, Bankers, Merchants, Legislators, Educators and Artisans all equal before the great masonic tribunal; and all expending liberally of their time and talents, not only in the promulgation of masonic principles and ethics, but also to the advancement of the economic affairs of the institution; and from these passing and loving tributes may be sensed that subtle, mystic and unmistakable air of refinement, redolent only of freemasonry; and although the careers of our "mighty dead" have been diversified by professional life and sometimes of the remotest scene of action, yet we are forcibly struck with the remarkable similarity of temperament, of attainment, of character, and of general attitude toward life and society which seems to have dominated their purposes and activities.

The root of this similarity is undoubtedly institutional—a result of the inculcation and observance of the essentials of masonic doctrine.

The following anthology, selected from above-mentioned obituaries, which were written or authorized by brethren who for many years had "wrought in the quarries" with the departed, will substantiate, in some small degree at least, the character-building efficacy of masonic integrity.

"MEN WORTH KNOWING."

"He needs no commendation from anyone as 'his works do follow him'."

"He was always the same: full of sunshine, genial and courteous; a noble soul."

"Broad minded and liberal in his views, upright in all his walks in life, he could be held as an example for the lives of all who would become good citizens and good masons."

"THE SIMPLE ANNALS OF THE POOR."

"At the age of fourteen he left school and started to make his way through life."

"From a poor boy to a comfortable position in life—from clerk in a law office to a leading place at the bar of his State—from an humble member in our great fraternity to leadership in our councils, is the story of the life work of this good man and mason."

"A MAN AND MASON."

"Though educated in a foreign language, he handled the English with great facility and elegance; and we know that had he devoted himself to literature he might have made his mark as a writer. So whether you think of him in the home, in the office, in social life, in the forum, or in the councils of this great masonic fraternity you have always found a man."

"AND EARTHLY POWER DOTH THEN SHOW LIKST GOD'S WHEN MERCY SEASONS JUSTICE."

"His personal character seemed an embodiment of the principles and teachings of masonry. His kindly disposition afforded a courteous hearing to every cause. Always firm in his convictions as to right and truth he was ever ready to temper justice with mercy."

"FOLLOWED THE LIGHT AS HE SAW IT."

"In all his relations, civic, political and fraternal he measured up to the highest and best standards. He was a man of positive convictions, ever ready to stand for the right as he saw it. He despised deception and hypocrisy and openly denounced it. He was a friend of the oppressed and charity and kindness were prominent attributes of his character. He assisted by his means a number of boys and girls to gain an education."

"A USEFUL AND EXEMPLARY LIFE."

"He did much to develop the natural resources of the middle west portion of our State. He labored faithfully and well with the strong men of our great Commonwealth who laid the foundation broad and deep for our future. He was strictly honorable in all the affairs of life, companionable, a man of deeds more than words. As a soldier he served his country in times of peril; as a citizen, helped to construct and build up; as a member of our fraternity his counsel was wise and good."

"PERFECT ASHLARS."

"He was intensely interested in masonry. Its high ideals, its sublime truths and its wondrous store of philosophical wealth appealed to all his scholarly instincts. His addresses were gems of inspiration to right-living, right-thinking and good citizenship. He was a born teacher and leader of the young; a man of the highest ideals; he inspired all who came within the sphere of his individuality with his lofty and ennobling conception of the duties of life; he sought to make the world better, to improve and elevate humanity, to broaden and enrich others intellectually and spiritually, and to give them a firmer, surer grip on the great fundamental of life. His long and useful life was spent in the service of his fellow men. Kind and affectionate as he was firm and resolute, gifted with rare intellectual tastes and culture he won and retained the respect of all."

"He set himself a rigorous course of study and applied himself so assiduously that he became in truth an educated man. He was a student all his days. He loved books. He learned from men and events. He was a keen, clear thinker and a doughty debater. He invested in living securities. The college education which had been denied him, he brought within reach of a good many deserving students. He was ever the friend of the oppressed. These, with many others who have been helped and inspired by his ministry and his labors, rise up to call him blessed."

It would be interesting to know in what measure masonry contributed to the development of such splendid characters as we see here eulogized; and to what extent they drew moral and intellectual direction from masonic literature, philosophy and associations.

Of one thing we are assured—their lives are worthy of emulation. The glowing tributes of their brethren; the trust reposed in them by their friends and neighbors and the public; the homes they built and families they established, all attest that man is the architect of his own fortune; that

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.
And he whose heart beats quickest lives the longest:
Lives in one hour more than in years do some
Whose fat blood sleeps as it slips along their veins.
Life is but a means unto an end; that end,
Beginning, mean, and end to all things—God.
The dead have all the glory of the world."

The Obituary Record.

William Hayes Scott.
GRAND MASTER, 1881-1882.

Born September 5, 1830; Died December 30, 1915.

Brother Scott was a man of sterling character—that is to say, of masonic character.

As a citizen, as a minister of the gospel, as a soldier, and as a mason, he was ever loyal, efficient and honorable. During a singularly long and useful career he won and retained the confidence, the admiration, and the love of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He was what the world calls a self-made man.

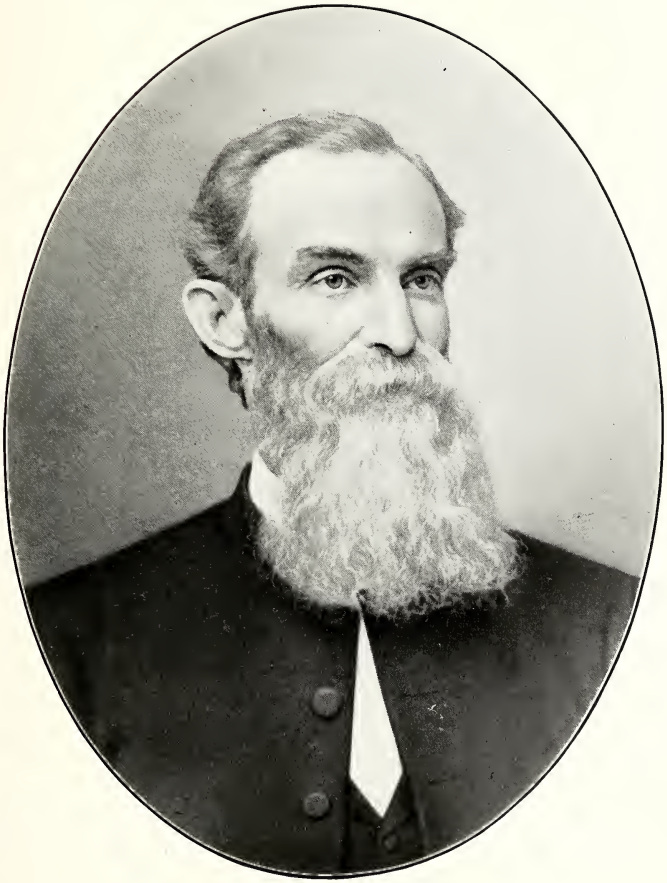
Left in poverty and thrown upon his own resources before attaining his majority, he never faltered in seeking the essentials necessary to the development of a well-rounded and fully equipped manhood. His persistency in the pursuit of knowledge; his unswerving devotion to the principles of right-thinking and right-living; the purity and unselfishness of his motives; and the liberality and unostentatious character of his charities, render his life worthy of the most zealous emulation by those who would win a niche in the hall of fame or merit a place in the hearts of men.

A familiarity with the story of Bro. Scott's early struggles and their rich rewards will prove an incentive and an inspiration to all who would travel onward and upward.

It is evident that the building of a highly moral and christian character was the lofty ideal to which our brother aspired.

Arriving at the age of eligibility, he forthwith petitioned and became a member of the craft; and upon receiving masonic light—that most expressive symbol of intelligence and of truth—he perceived that masonry was primarily an institution of learning, and as he progressed, there grew before his vision, clothed in symbolic form, those virtues and ideals, to the attainment of which he subsequently devoted his energies. Here was a youth transported by the genius of freemasonry. With a ready and impressionable mind he absorbed its unerring and life-giving precepts, and those precepts he wisely made "a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his path."

Brother Scott believed and taught that it is in the essence of masonic ethics that the brethren should improve and conserve their time—that every moment devoted to culture and philanthropy is a moment jeweled with the highest good: that a mason should seek the truth and disseminate its wholesome seed; should accept the reproofs and rewards of fortune with equal poise; should endeavor to strengthen the arm of friendship and effect conciliation among men; and that he should apply his talents, accomplishments and possessions to the advancement of enlightenment and the general happi-



BRO. WILLIAM H. SCOTT

M. W. GRAND MASTER 1880-81

ness of mankind. In the practice of these traits and benevolences, the deceased brother was exemplary in an eminent degree.

A glance at the brief biography appended will aid in the summing up of a life and character of this noble and scholarly mason.

The remains of our late brother rest at Presidio Cemetery, San Francisco, Cal., and were buried with military honors. Masonic funeral rites were solemnized on the evening of January 3, 1916, at the Masonic Temple, Alameda, Cal., by Oak Grove Lodge No. 215, Free and Accepted Masons, at which time a phonograph record of a masonic prayer rendered some twelve years previously by the deceased brother was made a part of the services.

William Hayes Scott was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1830. His parents came from New Castle, England, and for a few years lived in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, removing thence to Covington, Kentucky. From Covington, they moved to Portsmouth, Ohio, where his father conducted a flouring mill for a time. Closing his business in Portsmouth, he built a mill in Lawrence Co., Ohio, where he engaged in the same business for a number of years. In 1843 he sold his mill and went to Manchester Adams Co., Ohio, and built another mill. From here he moved to Brandenburg, Meade Co., Kentucky. In this place his father died in 1849, while his son William was still in his boyhood. Thus William commenced life under very strenuous conditions, for a large share of the support of the family depended upon him, he being the second son.

Engaging in various pursuits in the place where his father died, he finally went into the wharfage business. Closing this business, he, with his mother, brothers and sisters, in June, 1853, removed to Metropolis, Illinois, settled in Metropolis on the bank of the Ohio river, and for a short time engaged in mercantile pursuits. When Metropolis was incorporated, he was elected mayor and served several terms. He was city clerk for several years and contributed largely in framing the ordinances of the city government.

He was active and successful in business and in 1861, was appointed County Superintendent of the public schools of Massac County, and served in that capacity for twelve years. He was appointed by the County Board for two terms and elected by the voters of the county for two terms. At the close of the last term, the School Board of Metropolis, Illinois, made him superintendent of the schools of the city.

In 1874, he was admitted into the Southern Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and stationed at the following churches: Woodlawn, Jefferson County; Troy, Madison County; Edwardsville, Madison County; Salem, Marion County; Sparta, Randolph County.

At the close of his pastorate at Sparta, 1884, he was recommended by Capt. John R. Thomas, Gen. John A. Logan, Senator Shelby Cullom, Gen. John C. Smith, Robert T. Lincoln, Secretary of War, and others for Post Chaplain of U. S. Army, and was commissioned as such and ordered to report to the commanding officer at the Presidio, San Francisco, California, for assignment to duty. The Adjutant-general ordered him to report to the commanding officer of Benicia barracks, California, for duty. He remained on duty at this post until May, 1890.

In May, 1890, he was ordered to report to Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, Fort Du Chesne, Utah, for duty. This was on the Ute Indian Agency. He reported May 29, 1890.

He remained in the service at Fort Du Chesne, Utah, until September 9, 1897, and was then retired from active service with the army and he returned to California, making his home at Alameda.

He was made a master mason in Harrison Lodge No. 122, Free and Accepted Masons, in Brandenburg, Ky., in 1851, from which lodge he dimitted in 1853 and became a member of Metropolis Lodge No. 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, where his membership was to the end. For several years he held the offices of Senior Deacon, Junior and Senior Wardens in Metropolis Lodge and in 1873, he became Worshipful Master of the lodge. He was exalted in Vienna Chapter No. 67, May 22, 1865. A charter member of Metropolitan Chapter No. 101, he was Principal Sojourner for several years and High Priest in 1871. He was a charter member of Gethsemane Commandery No. 41, and Prelate of the commandery for four years. He was knighted in Kane Commandery No. 13, Cairo, Illinois, January 28, 1871.

He was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois, from 1872 to 1874; Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia 1880-1884; Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah in 1881, and was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in October, 1880. He was re-elected to this office in October, 1881. He was an honorary member of Fortitude Lodge No. 47, La Grange, Ky., honorary member of Harrison Lodge No. 122, Brandenburg, Ky., and was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Illinois from 1872 to 1883.

He was married to Miss Miranda Peter in Metropolis, Ill., in 1854 and had two children—Kitty and Walter H. Scott. He was married again in 1862 to Miss Mary J. Leek of Massac County, Illinois, who died in California, May 12, 1908.

He spent the last years of his life on the Pacific coast, doing what he was able for the welfare of mankind. He was an enthusiastic, earnest and faithful laborer in connection with the church, the craft and the country he loved so well.

He leaves to the fraternal attention of his brethren, one daughter, Mrs. Kitty Scott Bryant, widow of Major Cullen Bryant, U. S. Army.

W. W. Thomas, Worshipful Master Anna Lodge No. 520, 1914-1915, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Forty-ninth district, died November 13, 1915.

Albert Davis, Worshipful Master St. Andrew's Lodge No. 863, 1902-1903, Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer and Member Committee on Petitions, died January 10, 1916. Bro. Davis' masonic record was unique, he having had the distinction of being the masonic instructor of the brother who is now our Most Worshipful Grand Master. For years Bro. Davis was regarded as one of the best posted masons in the State. He was appreciated while he lived and is deeply regretted in his demise.

John W. Brown, Worshipful Master Golden Rule Lodge No. 726, 1874-1875, Committee on Fraternal Correspondence 1881-1882, died April 23, 1915. "Feebleness of accumulating years deprived us of much of his companionship during the past decade, yet we have ever and anon received messages from him, as a voice from the mountain, proclaiming the eternal truths of our ancient and honorable fraternity, and voicing his continued esteem for his brethren, and his keen interest in our growth and progress."

Masters and Past Masters of Illinois.

Geo. Dill Laing, Worshipful Master Friendship Lodge No. 7, June 1886 to June 1888, died September 11, 1915.

Isaac Alexander Buckingham, Worshipful Master Macon Lodge No. 8, 1891, died August 8, 1915.

Benj. L. T. Bourland, Worshipful Master Peoria Lodge No. 15, 1865-1886, died September 26, 1915.

Amos Kendall Lodge, Worshipful Master Macomb Lodge No. 17, 1885-1886, died June 30, 1916.

Edwin B. Bennett, Worshipful Master Oriental Lodge No. 33, 1883, died March 30, 1916.

William Smith Holliday, Worshipful Master Monmouth Lodge No. 37, 1885-1886, died November 4, 1915.

Luther J. Harvey, Worshipful Master Griggsville Lodge No. 45, 1886, died January 17, 1916.

John Schofield, Worshipful Master Temple Lodge No. 46, 1885-6-7-8, died February 21, 1916.

John R. Nelson, Worshipful Master Temple Lodge No. 46, 1913, died March 11, 1916.

William B. Pettitt, died July 16, 1915, Worshipful Master Columbia Lodge, Frederick, Md., and at the time of his death was Secretary of Trio

Lodge No. 57, Rock Island, Ill., having served in that office continuously for thirty-two years.

Manuel Mowery, Worshipful Master Pacific Lodge No. 66, served one year, died August 22, 1915.

Charles E. Kingsberry, Worshipful Master (Alma Lodge No. 497, 1875) Chester Lodge No. 72, 1890-1891-1908, died June 9, 1916.

William Henry Pritchard, Worshipful Master Waukegan Lodge No. 78, 1913, died March 3, 1916.

Aziel Zebulum Blodgett, Worshipful Master Waukegan Lodge No. 78, 1871, died June 8, 1916.

Philip Adolphus Gruner, Worshipful Master Mitchell Lodge No. 85, 1904-7-8, died August 19, 1915.

Lewis P. Stalcup, Worshipful Master Metropolis Lodge No. 91, 1906, died May 6, 1916.

Constant Brown, Worshipful Master Stewart Lodge No. 92, eight years, died November 6, 1915.

W. W. Harpster, Worshipful Master Excelsior Lodge No. 97, 1889, died June 6, 1916.

William Savill, Worshipful Master Astoria Lodge No. 100, two years, died January 5, 1916.

Albert P. Grout, Worshipful Master Winchester Lodge No. 105, 1890-1895, 1898-9, died October 22, 1915.

Jefferson L. Ury, Worshipful Master Jonesboro Lodge No. 111, 1874, died July 21, 1915.

Job P. Marshall, Worshipful Master Vermont Lodge No. 116, 1896-97, 1902-04-07-08-12, died September 24, 1915.

John J. Worsdell, Worshipful Master Vermont Lodge No. 116, no dates given, died April 16, 1916.

Arthur Sherman Marsh, Worshipful Master Elgin Lodge No. 117, 1903, died May 17, 1916.

Oliver Purly Carroll, Worshipful Master Henry Lodge No. 119, eight years, died September 17, 1915.

Lewis Henry Hand, Worshipful Master Oquawka Lodge No. 123, three years, died March 15, 1916.

Jac Cohenour, Worshipful Master Empire Lodge No. 126, 1889-90, died October 11, 1915.

Jno. N. Hoffman, Worshipful Master Empire Lodge No. 126, 1893-4, died March 3, 1916.

Julius Henry Benham, Worshipful Grand Master Golconda Lodge No. 131, eight years, died January 9, 1916.

H. W. Richardson, Worshipful Master Marengo Lodge No. 138, seven years, died January 15, 1916.

Lester Barber, Worshipful Master Marengo Lodge No. 138, 4 or 5 years, died February 16, 1916.

Wm. S. Frost, Worshipful Master Lee Center Lodge No. 146, two years, died June 7, 1916.

J. S. Hartley, Worshipful Master Bloomfield Lodge No. 148, 1873-77-82-83-86-91, died June 13, 1916.

Joseph B. Jones, Worshipful Master Effingham Lodge No. 149, 1870 to 1874, died June 20, 1916.

James A. Armbolz, Worshipful Master Bunker Hill Lodge No. 151, 1902-1903, died July 7, 1915.

James Sacket Hemstreet, Worshipful Master Delavan Lodge No. 156, 1882, died December 1, 1915.

Wm. Musgrave, Worshipful Master Edward Dobbins Lodge No. 164, 1863-1865-1880, died September 12, 1915.

John H. Palmer, Worshipful Master Nunda Lodge No. 169, 33 years off and on, died January 21, 1916.

John H. Bamberger, Worshipful Master Evergreen Lodge No. 170, 1904-5, died April 15, 1916.

John Metz, Worshipful Master Lena Lodge No. 174, 1882, died May 3, 1916.

John T. Deckard, Worshipful Master Wabash Lodge No. 179, 1897, died May 13, 1916.

Joseph Henry Kraemer, Worshipful Master Germania Lodge No. 182, 1881-1882, died June 29, 1916.

William G. Thompson, Worshipful Master Moweaqua Lodge No. 180 1911, died March 24, 1916.

Wm. Fulton Bundy, Worshipful Master Centralia Lodge No. 201, 1892-3, died January 9, 1916.

Olney Boas Stuart, Worshipful Master Wm. B. Warren Lodge No. 209, 1902, died July 6, 1915.

Geo. F. Sinclair, Worshipful Master Cleveland Lodge No. 211, 1876-7, died December 7, 1915.

Andrew Shields, Worshipful Master Lovington Lodge No. 228, 1914, died July 1, 1915.

Thomas J. Elder, Worshipful Master Shekinah Lodge No. 241, 1897-1900, died February 29, 1916.

Isaac Norman, Worshipful Master Greenville Lodge No. 245, 1878-81-87-98, died November 11, 1915.

James B. Rutledge, Worshipful Master Heyworth Lodge No. 251, two years, died July 28, 1915.

Frank M. Lawler, Worshipful Master Mattoon Lodge No. 260, 1887, died November 10, 1915.

Matt Krable, Worshipful Master Paris Lodge No. 268, 1893, died July 31, 1915.

Weymouth Hadley, Worshipful Master Wataga Lodge No. 291, 1875-6-7-8, died December 29, 1915.

Frederick John Schroter, Worshipful Master Dearborn Lodge No. 310, 1908, died October 7, 1915.

Joseph C. Hostetler, Worshipful Master Ionic Lodge No. 312, 1881, died September 30, 1915.

William Lee Allen, Worshipful Master Ionic Lodge No. 312, 1912, died January 20, 1916.

Albert Trogdon Summers, Worshipful Master Ionic Lodge No. 312, 1905-6-7, died February 27, 1916.

Wm. C. Bennett, Worshipful Master Doric Lodge No. 319, 1876-7, died April 7, 1916.

John Grierson, Worshipful Master Dunlap Lodge No. 321, 1870-81-82, died December 30, 1915.

Albert J. Jackson, Worshipful Master Dunlap Lodge No. 321, 1875-6, died April 30, 1916.

Irvine D. Woodford, Worshipful Master Dunlap Lodge No. 321, 1907-9, died May 14, 1916.

Charles Clayton Judy, Worshipful Master Sumner Lodge No. 334, 1896-7-9-1906-07, died August 13, 1915.

William Joseph Hubbard, Worshipful Master Saline Lodge No. 339, 1874-5-6-1904, died December 8, 1915.

Henry Lee Padfield, Worshipful Master Summerfield Lodge No. 342, 1896-7-9-06-07, died August 13, 1915.

Thomas J. Tucker, Worshipful Master Bement Lodge No. 365, 3 years, died September 1, 1915.

Noah Noble Vance, Worshipful Master Bement Lodge No. 365, 1 year, died May 10, 1916.

Bruce William Vandine, Worshipful Master Newman Lodge No. 369, 6 years, died January 3, 1916.

John L. Lenfestey, Worshipful Master Aroma Lodge No. 378 (no information).

Charles E. Miner, Worshipful Master Jerseyville Lodge No. 394, 1869-70-71-72-74-77-78-93-96-97-98-99-1902-03-04-05, died November 21, 1915.

George E. Brooks, Worshipful Master Batavia Lodge No. 404, 1 year, died January 24, 1916.

Jesse Mays, Worshipful Master Ramsey Lodge No. 405, (old records burned), died October 9, 1915.

Jacob Frey, Worshipful Master Bethalto Lodge No. 406, 1902-3-4, died July 7, 1915.

Christoph J. Franks, Worshipful Master Mithra Lodge No. 410, 1864 to 1867, 1872, died January 12, 1916.

James Tweddale, Worshipful Master Washburn Lodge No. 421, 1882, and 1889, died January 8, 1916.

Edwin Titus Doyle, Worshipful Master Landmark Lodge No. 422, 1890, died November 6, 1915.

John Wright Law, Worshipful Master Red Bud Lodge No. 427, 1897, died June 30, 1916.

Peter Garrison, Worshipful Master Yates City Lodge No. 448, 1896-7, and 1906, died March 24, 1916.

Francis M. Avey, Worshipful Master Rantoul Lodge No. 470 (no information).

Joseph Danks, Worshipful Master Edgewood Lodge No. 484, 18 years, died September 21, 1915.

Arthur McNeall, Worshipful Master Bowen Lodge No. 486 (no dates given), died May 7, 1916.

George D. Moseley, Worshipful Master Evans Lodge No. 524, 1881, died March 15, 1916.

W. W. Thomas, Worshipful Master Anna Lodge No. 520, 1914-15, died November 13, 1915.

Charles M. Musgrave, Worshipful Master East St. Louis Lodge No. 504, 1907, died July 3, 1915.

George Taylor, Jr., Worshipful Master St. Paul Lodge No. 500, 1909, died October 23, 1915.

Joseph G. Reed, Worshipful Master Stark Lodge No. 501, 5 years, died January 24, 1916.

Wm. Kerr, Worshipful Master Covenant Lodge No. 526, 1872, died January 18, 1916.

John Maury, Worshipful Master Rossville Lodge No. 527, 1914, died August 23, 1915.

Sanford Lightle, Worshipful Master Adams Lodge No. 529, 1908, died December 19, 1915.

Greene Vardaman Black, Worshipful Master Jacksonville Lodge No. 570, 1876-7, died August 31, 1915.

Geo. W. Sullivan, Worshipful Master Hazel Dell Lodge No. 580, 1913, died July 2, 1915.

E. Sumners, Worshipful Master Shirley Lodge No. 582, 1 year, died July 5, 1915.

A. E. McCoy, Worshipful Master Shirley Lodge No. 582, 1 year, died May 2, 1916.

Theodore P. Streeter, Worshipful Master Princeton Lodge No. 587, 1891-2, died February 7, 1916.

Daniel H. Dean, Worshipful Master Princeton Lodge No. 587, 1893-4, died April 13, 1916.

Robert M. Pollock, Worshipful Master Gilman Lodge No. 591, 1 year, died November 15, 1915.

Alfred Benj. Leper, Worshipful Master Locust Lodge No. 623, 1869, died May 24, 1916.

Richard Price Hunter, Worshipful Master Rochester Lodge No. 635, 1887-8-9-90, died January 12, 1916.

Frederick Waller, Worshipful Master Apollo Lodge No. 642, 1895, died February 1, 1916.

Henry Carse, Worshipful Master Rock Island Lodge No. 658, 1882-1887, died November 1, 1915.

James Thomas Poynter, Worshipful Master Mayo Lodge No. 664, 1883, died April 15, 1916.

J. R. Ennis, Worshipful Master Burnt Prairie Lodge No. 668, 1882-83-84-88-1901, died July 3, 1916.

Magnus Kettner, Worshipful Master Herder Lodge No. 669, 1884-85, died July 23, 1915.

Richard D. Jones, Worshipful Master Clement Lodge No. 680, 4 years, died October 16, 1915.

David W. Rossiter, Worshipful Master Englewood Lodge No. 690, 1878, died April 18, 1916.

Geo. S. Dodd, Worshipful Master Temple Hill Lodge No. 701, 1890, died April 23, 1916.

Frank S. Packard, Worshipful Master Braidwood Lodge No. 704, 1883-4-5, died September 20, 1915.

James W. Patterson, Worshipful Master Braidwood Lodge No. 704, 1881 died April 13, 1916.

Virgil Latimar DeWitt, Worshipful Master Triluminar Lodge No. 767, 1916, died September 17, 1916.

John L. Thompson, Worshipful Master Palestine Lodge No. 849, 1908, to 1910, died July 14, 1915.

Moses H. Perrin, Worshipful Master Palestine Lodge No. 849, 1897 to 1899, died August, 1915.

Irving C. Fox, Worshipful Master London Lodge No. 848 (no dates given), died July 28, 1915.

Albert Davis, Worshipful Master St. Andrew's Lodge No. 863, 1902 and 1903, died January 10, 1916.

Wm. Grundy Wilson, Worshipful Master Lostant Lodge No. 870, 1908, died January 15, 1916.

Edgar Clinton Jackson, Worshipful Master Cornerstone Lodge No. 875, 1904-05, died April 1, 1916.

William E. Summer, Worshipful Master Utopia Lodge No. 894, 1912, died December 6, 1915.

Other Grand Jurisdictions.

ARIZONA.

Benjamin Titus, Past Grand Master; born October 23, 1838, died at his home, Deming, New Mexico, March 18, 1916. Was elected Grand Master in 1885.

ARKANSAS.

Antonio Brooks Grace, Past Grand Master; born Nashville, Tenn., December 13, 1848; died at his home in Pine Bluff, Ark., December 2, 1915. Elected Grand Master in 1905. "In his death masonry has lost one of its most valuable and enthusiastic members, the State, a good true citizen and the judiciary an honest, fearless judge."

Christopher Columbus Ayers, Past Grand Master; died Muskogee, Okla., August 2, 1915. He was born at Fort Smith, Arkansas, August 9, 1849. Was chosen Grand Master in 1897.

Amos J. Witt, born in Tennessee, December 31, 1855; died at Hoxie, Arkansas, March 17, 1915. "He served his State with marked ability in many capacities: such as Sheriff, County Judge, Representative, State Senator and Postmaster." He was a regular attendant at the meetings of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas for twenty-five years. Served on important committees and filled the various offices, being elected Grand Master in 1909.

COLORADO.

Zachariah X. Snyder, died November 11, 1915. He was born on his father's farm in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1850, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Colorado for twelve years. As President of the State Normal School at Greeley for twenty-four years he won the enviable title of being "the greatest teacher our State has ever

had.'' ''He, more than any other man had been the directing and controlling influence in shaping into strength and beauty and usefulness the minds, hearts and souls of thousands.'' A man deeply loved by the craft. While the last honors were being given, and, as the words, ''His spirit ascends to God who gave it'' were said, a lark flew upwards with a sweet, glad burst of melody, as if in recognition of a kindred spirit freed from the toils and cares of earth.

CONNECTICUT.

Stanley B. Bosworth, Grand Treasurer, 1906-1916; born West Hartland, Conn., December 18, 1837; died Hartford, Conn., April 29, 1916.

Asa P. Fitch, Past Grand Master; born Andover, Conn., January 6, 1848; died Hartford, Conn., March 29, 1916. Elected Grand Master in 1905, serving one year. ''For several years prior to his demise, he served as Marshal of his lodge and during the past seven years attended *every* communication.''

DELAWARE.

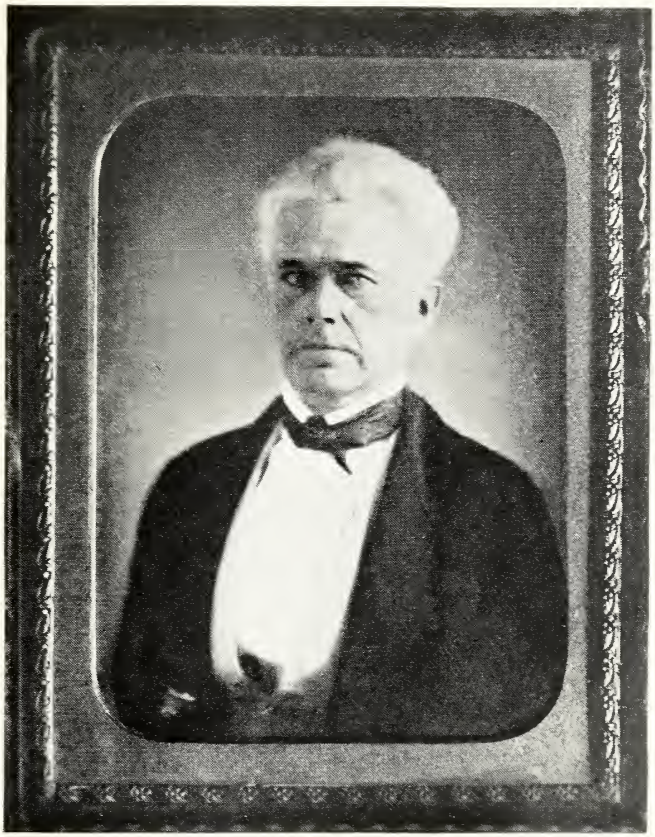
Alfred D. Warner, Past Grand Treasurer; died Wilmington, December 6, 1915, aged 68 years.

Virginius V. Harrison, Past Grand Master; born Petersburg, Virginia, November 13, 1851; died Wilmington, Del., December 28, 1915. Grand Master 1894-5; Grand Secretary at time of his death, having served nine years.

R. Henry Young, Past Grand Master; born Wilmington, June 22, 1846; died at same place, November 15, 1915. Secretary of his lodge for twenty-seven years. Elected Grand Master in 1904, serving one term. ''Broad minded and liberal in his views, upright in all his walks in life he could be held as an example for the lives of all who would become good citizens and good masons.''

FLORIDA.

Enos Wasgate, Past Grand Master, died at his home in East Boston, Mass., March 5, 1915. He was born Febuary 18, 1820, in the town of Mount Desert, Hancock County, Maine. Bro. Wasgate was initiated in Lygonia Lodge No. 40 at Ellsworth, Maine, September 5, 1849, and under special dispensation was passed and raised in that lodge September 12, 1849. This special dispensation was granted for the reason, he was at that time a sea faring man. He was captain of the brig which carried the first piling into San Francisco, that being in 1850. He lost his ship in Humbolt Bay, California, in 1852, and then left the sea for good. He then repaired to Boston and was employed in the Police Department. In a draft riot occurring July 14, 1864, he received an injury of the spine, from which he never fully recovered, and for which he received a pension the remainder



BRO. LEWIS CRAIG KERCHEVAL

W. GRAND STEWARD 1843

The first Chicago Mason to hold official position in the Grand Lodge of Illinois

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LEWIS CRAIG KERCHEVAL was born in Frederick County, Virginia, near Winchester, on May, 1791, coming with his father to Mason County, Kentucky in 1798.

Entered with his father John Kercheval, the War of 1812.

Located in Chicago in 1830.

Lawyer-Justice and Surveyor of the port of Chicago in 1839.

The first Mason (from La Fayette Lodge) to represent that body in the conventions and deliberations at Springfield, Illinois.

Candidate for Mayor of Chicago in 1848.

Died in 1852; buried in Detroit, Michigan.

On October 2nd, 1843, a charter was granted for the establishment of a Lodge of Free Masons, in Chicago, to be known as La Fayette Lodge No. 18, and Lewis Craig Kercheval, who represented the Lodge under dispensation, was admitted to a Seat in the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, at Springfield, and he was subsequently appointed a Steward thereof, thus being the *first* Chicago Mason to hold official position in that body.

of his life. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida in 1876, and served two years. His life was a useful one and he lived to the ripe old age of ninety-five years.

GEORGIA.

William Alexander Wolihin, Grand Secretary 1897-1916; born Columbus, Ga., October 1, 1862, died Macon, Ga., February 9, 1916.

IDAHO.

Theophilus W. Randall, Past Senior Grand Warden and Past Grand Secretary; born Bath, Eng., February 15, 1834; died Boise, Idaho, April 6, 1916. "As Grand Secretary his record was unique—not alone from length of service but from the efficiency of that service. This Grand Lodge has never had in its membership a man whose masonic ideals were higher and whose purposes were more honorable than those of Brother Theophilus W. Randall. Let the record be written that he lived and died a just and upright mason—one who needeth not to be ashamed."

INDIANA.

Daniel McDonald, Past Grand Master; born May 6, 1833, near Connersville, Fayette County, Indiana; died Chicago, Ill., January 9, 1916. Elected Grand Master in 1875. Bro. McDonald prepared the history of the Grand Lodge of Indiana from its organization up to and including the year 1897. It is a valuable work and could not now be compiled for lack of data to which he only had access, some of which was later destroyed. He served as Committee in Foreign Correspondence for seventeen years. The character and temperament of the man by what he once wrote on the fly-leaf of his diary "Never promise anything that cannot be lived up to the very letter. Be kind and obliging to all without distinction."

Sidney W. Douglas, Past Grand Master; born Saranac, Clinton County, New York, March 25, 1840; died Evansville, Ind., January 10, 1916. Became Grand Master in 1893. In a request from the Grand Secretary in 1897, for any remark that might be of interest to future generations, he said: "I have tried to be just to my fellow men, do my duty to the craft as God has given me light and strength to do the same, always recognizing the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

Edward Highly Wolfe; born Rushville, Ind., September 26, 1834, died same place August 17, 1916. Grand Inspector from 1905 to time of his death. "In many respects a wonderful man. His record as a citizen of Rush County, his war record which stands out brilliantly, and his masonic record unsurpassed make of him a man among men. His diplomacy and general knowledge enabled him to do a great work in the masonic lodges

of Indiana. There is not an instance of his visiting a lodge in the long years of his incumbency as Grand Inspector that the lodge did not want him to come back. He was loved by every mason that knew him and that was practically the membership of Indiana. He was further remarkable for his great activity up until within a few months of his death. During the year 1915, when he had passed his eightieth year, he was continuously visiting lodges, giving full instruction, not only in business methods but in ritualistic work with the same apparent vigor as he did on his first rounds after his appointment. Words can scarcely express the accomplishments of this great and good man. He was always the same, full of sunshine, genial and courteous, a noble soul.''

IOWA.

Charles Trumbull Granger, Past Grand Master; born in Monroe County, New York, October 9, 1835; died Long Beach, Cal., October 26, 1915. He was made a master mason in Antioch Lodge at Antioch, Illinois, in 1860; affiliated with Waukon Lodge No. 154, Waukon, Iowa, in 1865. Was chosen Grand Master of Masons in Iowa in 1884 and served two terms. ''It is almost impossible to fittingly comment on the life, labors, and the pre-eminent position held by Brother Granger in Iowa masonry, and the hearts of those who knew him. For thirty years his masonic history has been that of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and is so interwoven in the records of our proceedings. His individual mark is indelibly impressed into our ritualistic work,—our jurisprudence,—our library,—our charity,—our procedure,—and our every laudable undertaking. He has ever honored masonry, even as it sought to honor him. Few leaders will ever command more love and respect than was accorded to him, and few possess a more wide-reaching and beneficent influence. His personal character seemed an embodiment of the principles and teachings of masonry. His kindly disposition afforded a courteous hearing to every cause. Always firm in his convictions as to right and truth, he was ever ready to temper justice with mercy.''

William Fiske Cleveland, Past Grand Master; born Waterville, N. Y., August 30, 1844; died Harlan, Ia., February 19, 1916. Grand Master from June 1906 to June 1907. ''He served well and faithfully in that exalted station and has been a trusted counsellor of many of his successors. He was appointed Grand Lodge Historian in 1911, and compiled and edited the two volumes covering the dates from 1865 to 1912, the last volume having been published during the past year.''

LOUISIANA.

Alfred W. Cheesman, Grand Master; born London, Eng., January 27, 1863; died at his home in Shreveport, Louisiana, September 30, 1915.

MICHIGAN.

Lucian Ely Wood, Past Grand Master; born Kalamazoo County, Mich., October 5, 1852; died Niles, Mich., June 5, 1916; elected Grand Master in 1900, serving one year. His is a splendid record of business, political and masonic activities.

MISSISSIPPI.

Allan M. Hicks, Grand Lecturer and Honorary Past Grand Master; born June 5, 1835, in Murry County, Tenn.; died at his home near Bentonia, September 22, 1915. Was a Methodist minister. Member of the legislature 1875-7-9; and served as State Senator for five terms.

NEBRASKA.

John Bell Dinsmore, Past Grand Master; born Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York, March 15, 1838; died Sutton, Nebraska, October 6, 1915. Served as Grand Master of Nebraska one year and as Grand Treasurer eleven years. Bro. Dinsmore was a business man of the highest type, a bank president, State Senator, President State Board of Agriculture, superintendent of cattle, swine and fat stock at the World's Columbian Exposition 1892 and at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition in Omaha 1898, also superintendent of the live stock at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

William Amos DeBord, Past Grand Master; born near Oskaloosa, Iowa, January 4, 1865; died Omaha, Neb., May 17, 1916; served as Grand Master from June 1908 to June 1909. "We shall miss him greatly in the years to come, for he was among the younger of our Past Grand Masters, and was regular in his attendance at our Grand Lodge communications, active in its affairs and faithful to all his committee assignments. His advice was much sought after and his counsel was able and good. Cut down just as he was approaching his zenith, his life was nevertheless rich, full and noble—to those of us who knew him well, it was an inspiration and his memory will be a benediction."

NEW YORK.

Charles W. Mead, Past Grand Master; died Albany, N. Y., September 28, 1915. Grand Master in 1900-1; a lawyer by profession, and held many places of responsibility and trust. His services in the legislature were everywhere recognized as of high order and his labors in the craft were of unquestioned ability and genuine devotion.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Halfdan Bendeke, Past Grand Master; born Trondhjem, Norway, July 7, 1869; died Grand Forks, N. D., September 23, 1915. Served as Grand Master in 1909. To this many-sided man and mason the Walsh County

Record pays the following just and beautiful tribute: "It is rare indeed that a man enjoys the love, confidence and respect of all classes of citizens in so full a measure as he. Throughout the whole State the news of his death caused profound sorrow and today thousands mourn for Halfdan Bendeke. And justly; for he was every inch a man, physically, mentally and morally.

"Others have told of the place he made for himself as a citizen; of the honors showered upon him; of the material success he achieved. It is for us to record his worth as a man, his unwavering loyalty as a friend. Coming to this young State as a mere lad of twenty or so from Trondhjem, Norway, to make his home in a new land, he won respect and honor in a country where true manliness is the only thing that counts.

"There is a vital force about Norway that begets strength, calm, courage. It is the legacy of the Motherland to her sons. Perhaps it is the warrior strain of the Viking blood, or the fulfillment of the promise of strength, among the rugged, snow-capped mountains, to those who lift up their eyes to the everlasting hills. These attributes were characteristic of Halfdan Bendeke. His ideals were as lofty, his courage as high as the peaks which pierced the clouds in his native land, his moral strength as firm as the granite bases on which they rest and his faith in things eternal as abiding and deep as the still waters of the fjords on Norway's coast. His life was clean from degrading elements, and he made it helpful, in many ways, to those by whom it was touched. His friends will always cherish the memory of his generous hospitality, his tenderness to his motherless daughters and his chivalry toward all womankind. They will long remember his cheerfulness even when pressed by the round of irritating concerns and duties; the laughter of his kindly face; the warm clasp of his sinewy hand; the sweetness and gentleness of the man. His soul was too big to harbor petty anger and jealousy. All who knew him felt this. But it was his friends who loved him best and were most frequently with him who knew the real beauty of his spirit."

NORTH DAKOTA.

Charles A. Harris, Grand Treasurer 1896-1897; born in East Machiar, Maine, in 1841; died October 22, 1915. A mason 52 years.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Theodore Augustus Cossman, Past Grand Master; born May 26, 1844; died April 28, 1916. Elected Grand Master in 1900. "Of him it can truly be said that he gave his services without ostentation or dismay. He worked and induced others to work. He lived nobly as a man and a mason. Our loss creates a defined blank in the home he graced, in the masonry he loved, in the city of his adoption where he spent many years of a busy life.

He leaves us the inspiration of example of one loyal in friendship, fearless in duty, of a service paving the way to that abode where all is Light, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.''

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Rev. William Pinckney Smith, Grand Chaplain eleven years; born in Spartanburg County, January 13, 1849; died April 23, 1916.

TENNESSEE.

John T. Williamson, Past Grand Master; died Columbia, Tenn., December 10, 1915. He was born in Maury County, Tenn., August 11, 1839, Elected Grand Master in 1889. ''He was a successful lawyer and did his share in directing the affairs of the State in which he lived.''

Caswell Anderson Goodloe, Past Grand Master; born Rutherford County, Tenn., August 24, 1838; died Alamo, Tenn., July 12, 1916. Elected Grand Master 1887.

TEXAS.

Benjamin Franklin Frymier, Sr., Past Grand Master; born at Newville, Penn., in 1837; died Houston, Tex., December 4, 1915. He was elected Grand Master in 1893 and also served as Grand Treasurer for thirteen years. He was one of the most widely known and best loved members of the craft in Texas.

VERMONT.

Marsh Olin Perkins, Past Grand Master; born Rutland, Vt., February 7, 1849; died Windsor, Vt., February 10, 1916. Grand Master 1885-7. Chairman Committee on Correspondence for 28 years. ''Through this medium he became known and loved by many whom he never saw. Among his brethren of the 'Round Table' he was held in high esteem. In his writings he was clear, forceful, and ever ready to defend his views and give a reason for the hope that was in him. A good antagonist, he aroused no feeling of animosity nor indulged in it himself. To his reading brethren these reports afforded an almost liberal education in current masonry. Such men are few. The character of its people is the measure of a nation's greatness. Money, power, commercial leadership, even learning itself may not hinder its decline and decay unless these forces are controlled and guided by individuals of strong, upright, patriotic character. Such men are the real wealth of a community, a state, or a nation. They are the leaders in the progress that endures. When such a one falls all are losers. His influence can never be wholly lost and he may leave the world better than he found it but his activities have ceased and the loss is irreparable. Such a man was Marsh Olin Perkins.

Fearless but tender, he was ever the manliest of men. His character was strong in the elements of loyalty, sincerity, and self-sacrifice. His mind was cast in a mould broader and deeper than that of most men and it responded in its every fiber to the test of Truth. Perhaps his most marked characteristic was his thorough-going intellectual honesty. He was strong in his convictions because based upon what, after careful study, he believed to be truth and right.''

WEST VIRGINIA.

GEORGE HATCH, Past Grand Master; born Steubenville, Ohio, June 16, 1851, died Pittsburgh, Pa., April 27, 1916. Grand Master of West Virginia, 1903-4.

ROBERT WHITE, Past Grand Master, born in the town of Romney, Feb. 7, 1833, died Dec. 12, 1915. Served as Grand Master, 1874-5. ''A public spirited citizen he was elected Attorney General in 1876 and a member of the legislature for two terms. His long and useful life was spent in the service of his fellow men. Kind and affectionate as he was firm and resolute, gifted with rare intellectual tastes and culture, he won and retained the respect of all and left the undying imprint of that life upon the history of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.''

WASHINGTON.

ROBERT CROSBY HILL, Past Grand Master; born Hatbro, Pa., Sept. 14, 1829, died Port Townsend, May 10, 1916. Elected Grand Master, 1877.

EDWARD ROSS HARE, Past Grand Master; born Mount Pleasant, Iowa, March 25, 1857, died Tacoma, Wash., July 16, 1916. Elected Grand Master, 1893, serving one year.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS G. KERWIN,
RALPH W. KING,
LOUIS ZINGER,
Committee.

REPORT—Committee on Robbins Memorial.

Bro. Owen Scott presented the following report. It was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your committee appointed to prepare and present a memorial to Joseph Robbins, Past Grand Master, fraternally report that the work was com-

pleted early in the year and the book was published and distributed under the supervision of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Having completed the work assigned, we ask to be discharged.

Fraternally submitted,

OWEN SCOTT,
ALEXANDER H. BELL,
GEORGE A. STADLER,
Committee.

REPORT—Committee on Correspondence.

Bro. Charles H. Martin presented the following special report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Lodge of Cuba, soliciting the consent of this Grand Lodge to the calling of a Masonic Congress, or convention, to be composed of delegates or representatives from the several American Grand Lodges, for the purpose of fostering and promoting the purposes of Masonry, and in particular of promoting universal peace among the nations, having carefully considered all the matters and things in said communication set forth, recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois hereby expresses its disposition at all times to receive and fraternally consider any suggestion relating to the affairs of Masonry, from the Grand Lodge of Cuba, or any other Grand Lodge with which it is in fraternal correspondence, whether communicated by duly accredited delegate, by memorial or letter, or otherwise; but the said Grand Lodge of Illinois respectfully and fraternally declines to join in, or to be in any manner responsible for, a call for a Masonic convention of the nature suggested.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Master appointed the District Deputy Grand Masters as distributing and collecting tellers and the following brethren counting tellers:

N. B. Carson, George Warner, Smyth Crooks, E. E. Stamp, G. F. Warner.

The tellers, having collected and counted the several ballots, reported that the following brethren had received a majority of votes cast, and they were declared elected:

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master.
Bro. Austin H. Scrogin, Deputy Grand Master.
Bro. Dan G. Fitzgerrell, Senior Grand Warden.
Bro. Elmer E. Beach, Junior Grand Warden.
Bro. Leroy A. Goddard, Grand Treasurer.
Bro. Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary.

Bro. George M. Moulton invited the members of the Grand Lodge, who had been masons for twenty-one years, to attend the meeting of the Masonic Veterans Association, on Wednesday evening, October 11, 1916.

CALLED OFF.

At 1:30 o'clock p. m. the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning by the Deputy Grand Master.

SECOND DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, A. D., 1916, A. L. 5916
9:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Deputy Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor at 9:00 o'clock A. M., after which the Grand Master took the East.

Grand Officers and Representatives were present same as the preceding day.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT—Special Committee on Monitor.

Bro. Anthony Doherty presented the following report of the Special Committee on Monitor. The report was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Monitor respectfully reports as follows:

We have very carefully considered the question of a new Monitor, and gratefully acknowledge the valuable suggestion of the Grand Master, the Advisory Board, and the Board of Grand Examiners. We find that what is generally known as "Cook's Monitor," compiled by our late brother Edward Cook, was put in book form in 1876, and purports to have been copyrighted that year by Brother Cook. Under the law the copyright term was twenty-eight years, and the copyright therefore expired in 1904, and a search of the records at Washington fails to disclose any effort to renew the same.

The Monitor of 1876 therefore was free from and after 1904, and no one could prevent its publication by anyone desiring to do so.

In 1908 Brother Cook revised the 1876 edition, making practically only five slight changes or corrections, and took the preliminary steps to copyright the revised edition as of 1908, which is the form now in use. According to a report from the copyright office at Washington, the registration

in this instance, as in the former, was not completed according to law by depositing two bound copies of the same. Whatever the legal effect of the efforts to copyright may be, we have fully respected the rights of those claiming the title to the copyright of 1908.

For forty years a publishing house in Chicago has reaped a substantial profit in the manufacture and sale of the Monitors,—an exclusively Masonic ritualistic work. We are firmly of the opinion that everything pertaining to the ritual should be under the complete control of the Grand Lodge, and be distributed only under its direction by the Grand Secretary.

In accordance with this view, your committee has taken a copy of the 1876 edition, which, as stated, is free from all claims by any one, and after a careful study of each page and line, present the same to you with obvious corrections in punctuation and capitalization, and with very slight modifications, which in the opinion of your committee improve the diction and general effect of the whole.

We believe that the changes are so slight that any Mason familiar with the Monitor will find no difficulty whatever in conforming to the suggested revision herewith.

Your committee therefore recommends as follows:

(a) The adoption by the Grand Lodge of the Monitor submitted herewith, substantially as presented.

(b) That when adopted the Monitor be duly copyrighted in the name of the Grand Lodge, and that the manufacture and distribution be under its exclusive control through its proper officers, and

(c) That steps be taken to encourage the several lodges throughout this jurisdiction to adopt the practice of presenting each brother at the time he is raised, with a copy of said Monitor.

A copy of the suggested revision is attached hereto.

Fraternally submitted,

ANTHONY DOHERTY,
JOHN W. HILL,
ALONZO DOLAN,
Committee.

The text of the Monitor will be found in the Appendix.

REPORT—Committee on Petitions.

Bro. John C. Weis, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Petitions. It was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Petitions beg leave to report that we have in hand nine petitions, which we have investigated as far as possible, to get at the real facts in the matter pertaining to each one. They are as follows:

No. 1. Petition of * * * * of Cameron, Illinois.

Brother * * * * was a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 619, at Berwick, Illinois, and was suspended for non-payment of dues. During the time of his suspension Berwick Lodge No. 619 became defunct.

The amount of dues which he owed to the lodge at the time of his suspension was fifteen dollars, and check for that amount accompanies his petition, asking to be reinstated to good standing in the fraternity.

Accompanying this petition is a letter, signed by several master masons of various lodges in his vicinity, testifying as to his character, and knowing him to be the party who was suspended.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the prayer of Brother * * * * be granted.

No. 2. Petition of * * * * a member of Lakeview Lodge No. 774, of Chicago, Illinois, to have his name changed on the records of Lakeview Lodge, to his correct name, which is * * * *.

It is accompanied by certificate and affidavits setting forth the reason why he was going under the name * * * *.

His parents died when he was a year and a half old, and he was taken by his maternal grand parents, whose name was * * * * and raised by them.

He was known among his school mates as * * * * and had no reason for changing it until he became engaged to be married to a young lady who knew his right name, and for fear of legal complications she refused to have the ceremony performed until he resumed his right name, which is * * * *.

It is also accompanied by an affidavit showing that he never applied to any other Masonic lodge under the name of * * * *.

Your committee would therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

No. 3. Petition of * * * * of Kenwood Lodge No. 800, who was expelled on or about October 15th, 1913, for unmasonic conduct, his offense being repeating false, scandalous and vicious gossip and making slanderous statements about Brother Charles M. Woodward.

After going over all of the evidence in the case, including the appearance before this committee of the Secretary Brother A. E. McCallum of

Kenwood Lodge, your committee would recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

No. 4. Petition of * * * * of Metropolis Lodge No. 91.

Brother * * * * was expelled January 3, 1916, his offense being drunkenness, and being under arrest and locked up in the calaboose, all of which conduct goes to impair the good name of Masonry, and his expulsion being of so short a time, and there being no evidence before the committee tending to show any reformation in his conduct, your committee would recommend that the prayer of Brother * * * * be not granted.

No. 5. Petition of * * * * who was indefinitely suspended by the Grand Lodge on appeal of America Lodge No. 889. The case was one in which * * * * petitioned America Lodge No. 889 for the degrees in Masonry, and was rejected. Some years after the petition was rejected by America Lodge, he petitioned Chadwick Lodge No. 867 for the degrees in Masonry, certifying in his petition to Chadwick Lodge that he had never before petitioned a Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for initiation, which appears to the committee as being at variance with the facts in the case at that time.

It further appears that he was elected and did receive the degrees in Chadwick Lodge about 1912. America Lodge discovering his membership in Chadwick Lodge, insisted that Chadwick Lodge should proceed to punish him for his unmasonic conduct, such as misstating the facts in his application for membership.

The case came up at several meetings and it finally proceeded in the winter of 1914 to give him a trial, which was held May 18, 1914. The trial was presided over by Brother J. L. Brearton, District Deputy.

The ballot was taken and stood seventeen guilty and thirteen not guilty and was declared lost by failure of having a two thirds majority.

At this time America Lodge took the matter to the Grand Lodge, and on the 14th day of October, 1914, he was indefinitely suspended by the Grand Lodge.

After due consideration of the evidence in the case it would be the sense of the committee that owing to the fact that America Lodge had never joined in the prayer of the petitioner, which in the opinion of the committee is highly essential, we therefore, believe that the interests of Masonry can best be conserved by recommending that the petition of * * * * be not granted.

No. 6. Petitions of * * * *, * * * * and * * * *, Rome Lodge No. 721, located at Dix, Illinois, for restoration.

It appears from the Secretary's report that in the latter part of 1912

* * * * took offense at some action of the lodge and took a dimit therefrom, after which he asked Brother * * * * and Brother * * * * and two others to sign a statement which he claimed was to be presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Instead of presenting it to the Grand Master he published it in a Mt. Vernon newspaper, thereby exposing the proceedings of the lodge, the consequence of which was that five members were expelled, on or about November 12, 1912, for their unmasonic conduct.

Your committee, after carefully noting all of the evidence in the case would recommend that the petitions of * * * * and * * * * being more sinned against than sinning, be granted, and the petition of * * * * be not granted.

No. 7. Petition of * * * * of Tadmor Lodge, No. 794, located at Karbers Ridge, County of Hardin, State of Illinois, that he be reinstated.

He was indefinitely suspended by the Grand Lodge in October, 1914, for unmasonic conduct, resulting from an act of bastardy.

It appears from the evidence before the committee that the brother pleaded guilty to the charge under extenuating circumstances, and would have protected the honor of the unfortunate girl to the extent of marrying her, which the committee has considered an honorable intention in righting a wrong as best he could, but before the marriage ceremony was consummated she proved herself false with another party, thereby causing him to retract his efforts in that direction.

It is, therefore, the sense of the committee after considering all the facts and showing a reasonable amount of charity to the unfortunate brother, that the two years of suspension from the rights and privileges of Masonry, is sufficient punishment.

The committee, therefore, recommends that the prayer of this petitioner be granted.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

John C. Weis,
C. O. Faught,
L. F. Childs,
Committee.

REPORT—Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Bro. Joseph E. Dyas, Chairman, presented the report of this committee. It was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances fraternally report as follows:

CASE NO. 1.

ELDORADO LODGE NO. 730 *vs.* * * * *

Your committee further recommend that the action of the lodge in finding the accused, not guilty, be set aside, and that the accused, * * * * * * * * * be found guilty of the charge and be indefinitely suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

We find that the lodge was justified in its action of finding the accused guilty under the second and third specifications, and fixing his punishment at a reprimand.

Your committee recommends that the action of Temple Hill Lodge be sustained.

IN THE MATTER OF ROCKFORD LODGE NO. 102.

This matter comes to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances by reference, and the facts are stated in the Grand Master's address, and this committee recommends that the action of the Grand Master be approved and his recommendations concurred in.

IN THE MATTER OF BEN FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 962.

Your committee has examined the facts in this case as presented in the Grand Master's address, and recommend that the action of the Grand Master herein be approved.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOSEPH E. DYAS, Chairman;
WILLIAM E. HADLEY,
HUGH R. STEWART,
GEORGE N. TODD,
FRANK E. LOCKE,
Committee.

A PLEASANT INNOVATION.

The Grand Lodge was at ease while the children of the Illinois Masonic Orphans Home were introduced to the Grand Lodge by Bro. and Mrs. George L. Hilliker, Superintendent and Matron. The Grand Master presented superintendent and matron, and the members of the board of managers of the Homes, to the members of the Grand Lodge. The children

rendered a short program, and retired from the platform amid the tears and applause of the brethren.

The Grand Master called on Bro. Hilliker who spoke as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I do not know what I can say to you at this time that will be new or interesting to you. It does occur to me, however, that we, who are fortunate enough to be intimately associated with these, our wards, have a knowledge of their trials and perplexities, their strength and their weaknesses, with their corresponding and correlated wants and needs, that may be helpful to you.

While we are doing much for these children, I do not feel that we are doing our whole duty and living up to our obligation.

In the hope that it may impress upon you the necessity for an extension of this work of ours, I wish you would look at the rear row of the children here present. Boys just climbing over the divide between boyhood and manhood,—girls just budding into womanhood,—and consider that these, the coming summer, with characters unformed, with habits unfixed, minds untrained and hands unskilled, we shall turn out to do battle with the world in the struggle for existence. Do you wonder that the successes are so few and the failures so many? I do not believe that we shall have done our whole duty to these, our wards, until we shall have furnished them with something bigger, better, more efficient than a mere grammar school education.

Our duty to them requires that we so equip them by a supplemental course of study and training, that when, at last, they are turned out to fight for themselves, failure will be the exception, and success the rule. Let us in this live up to the spirit of our obligation in its truest, broadest sense, so that, when Time for us shall be no more and we are standing before the bar of Eternal Justice, we may experience an excusable, a justifiable exhaltation of spirit, as we see these, our children, hand in hand, with bodies erect, heads up, eyes straight to the front, approach the great white throne, unashamed and unafraid and answer—"Here."

REPORT—Board of Managers of Masonic Homes.

Bro. Robert J. Daly, President of the Board of Managers of the Masonic Homes, presented their report.

So much of the report as related to appropriations was referred to the Committee on Finance. The remainder of the report was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

BRETHREN:—Your Board of Managers entrusted with the supervision and management of the Illinois Masonic Homes fraternally submit the following report of their doings for the year ending with this meeting of the Grand Lodge, thereby giving you an account of their stewardship, and also supplying you with the data and requisite information by which you may obtain a comprehensive knowledge of the present conditions existing in the two institutions, and also form an intelligent estimate of the needs and requirements of each for the coming year in order that adequate provision may be made therefor. The affairs of the institutions have moved along without any particular happening of note. In our Orphan's Home the children have been unusually healthy; we had an outbreak of scarlet fever but thanks to the efficient management of the institution and the care and skill of Bro. Arthur E. Higgins, M. D., the patient was immediately isolated and the rest of the children were allowed to continue at school without interruption. The existence of our new hospital facilities undoubtedly prevented the further spreading of the disease.

The conditions at the Home at Sullivan have likewise been the very best. The Royal Arch Memorial Hospital is filling a long-felt want, as is evidenced by the fact that we have had an average of over forty of our members receiving treatment during the past year.

At the close of the last annual meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge on October 15, 1915, your Board of Managers met and effected an organization as follows: Robert J. Daly, president; William A. Dixon, vice president; Irving Shuman, treasurer; Chester S. Gurney, secretary. The following were made the executive committees in charge of the respective homes: Brethren Daly, Fletcher and Price for the home at La-Grange, and Brethren Dixon, Emmerson and Shuman for the home at Sullivan. Brother and Mrs. George W. Pumphrey were re-engaged as superintendent and matron of the home at Sullivan, and Brother and Mrs. Charles E. Holmes as superintendent and matron of the home at La Grange. The committee also reengaged Brother W. P. Davidson, M. D., as physician for the home at Sullivan, and Brother Arthur E. Higgins, M. D., as physician for the home at La Grange.

Subsequent to the organization the board has held regularly called meetings, as follows: November 6 and 14, 1915, April 9 and October 7, 1916.



BOYS FROM THE ILLINOIS MASONIC ORPHANS HOME

Who Surprised the Brethren of the Grand Lodge by Appearing on the Stage

OFFICIAL BOND.

Immediately after the election of Brother Shuman as Treasurer of your Board of Managers, he filed a surety bond of twenty-five thousand ($25,000.00) dollars for the faithful performance of his duties.

LA GRANGE SCHOOL CONTROVERSY.

The Board of Managers, by its president, acting under instructions of the Grand Lodge, directed Brother Jesse E. Roberts the attorney for the board, to appeal the case to the Supreme Court. The appeal was presented at the December 1915 term of court and to date no decision has been handed down but we are in hopes that the case will be reached and a decision rendered at the October term of court.

THE ORPHANS' HOME AT LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS.

Appended hereto are reports from the executive committee and the superintendent in charge of the institution, also the attending physician. As already intimated nothing of particular consequence has happened at this institution during the past year. The family has been a large one and the average age of the children comparatively young, as is shown by the superintendent's report. At the last session of the Grand Lodge twenty-one thousand ($21,000.00) dollars was appropriated for maintenance and this has been just about sufficient to cover the needs of the institution. We would therefore recommend that the same amount, viz. twenty-one thousand ($21,000.00) dollars, be appropriated for the maintenance of the institution for the ensuing year. This estimate is based upon the assumption that there will be no material increase in the cost of supplies.

ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

The entertainment fund of the Orphans' Home was materially increased through the generosity of the German May Festival Association. This association gave two thousand ($2,000.00) dollars from the proceeds of their festival to this fund, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. We are especially indebted to Bro. Wm. A. Boldenweck and Bro. Henry W. Runkle for their efforts in this connection.

MANUAL TRAINING.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge the sum of one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars was appropriated for manual training. The executive committee of the home, after carefully considering the situation in all of its aspects, came to the conclusion that in order to make a proper beginning in vocational work for our children, and inasmuch as the appropriation for the purpose would only permit of work along a few lines, to concentrate our efforts on a cooking and sewing school for the older girls.

After consultation with the supervisor of the Household Arts Department of the Board of Education of the city of Chicago, we engaged two of its teachers and purchased complete equipment for instruction in cooking and sewing; the hours of instruction were from 8:30 to 11:30 five mornings each week during the vacation period of July and August, and in this time the children made as much progress in those subjects as they would have ordinarily made in two years in the public schools. We feel that outside of the benefits received by the children from this instruction, it has been an inestimable help in the maintenance of the necessary discipline of the home during a time when the ordinary school restraints are removed. We are very anxious to extend this vocational work for the benefit of the boys, and would therefore earnestly recommend that the sum of fifteen hundred ($1,500.00) dollars be appropriated for the continuance and extension of this vocational work during the ensuing year.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF $4,000.00 FOR CHANGES AND ENLARGEMENT OF THIRD FLOOR OF LA GRANGE HOME.

This work has been satisfactorily completed and a small unexpended balance returned to the grand secretary. Reference to the superintendent's report will explain the character of these changes and the benefits derived therefrom.

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTIES OF THE MASONIC HOMES.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers held at Sullivan on November 6, 1915, the question of the covering of the buildings and furnishings of the homes with adequate insurance was discussed and it was decided in order to have full data showing the insurable property of the homes, that an accurate and complete appraisal be made. On motion the matter was placed in the hands of the chairman of the finance committee of the Grand Lodge, and the president of the Board of Managers, and after thorough investigation they employed the Lloyd & Thomas Co. of Chicago, whose appraisal showed that the valuation of the home properties as of December 18, 1915, exclusive of land, was $360,497.88, divided as follows: La Grange Home, $120,910.91; Sullivan Home and Hospital, $239,586.97. For an annual fee of $75.00 this company agrees to render the necessary service to keep this appraisal up to date, and we recommend that an appropriation of that amount be made for this service during the ensuing year.

HOME FOR AGED AT SULLIVAN.

The reports from the executive committee, superintendent of the home, and attending physician, will be found appended hereto, and they give detailed information concerning the operation and condition of the home, hospital and farm.

The appropriation of thirty-six thousand ($36,000.00) dollars as made last October for the maintenance of the home and hospital, together with the five thousand ($5,000.00) dollars donated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, have proven inadequate for the proper support and improvement of these growing institutions, and the committee, at the close of the fiscal year, finds itself with unpaid bills to the amount of $2,548.83, for which amount a special appropriation is requested.

With a net increase in membership of 18% in 1916, together with the operation of the hospital, the expenses of maintenance cannot at this time be reduced. We estimate, after a full year's experience with the added expense of the hospital, that by the strictest economy the cost of maintenance of the home and hospital for the ensuing year will be forty thousand ($40,000.00) dollars, and we therefore ask that an appropriation for this amount be made.

The appropriation of thirty-five hundred ($3,500.00) dollars for the refrigerating plant and addition was expended as follows:

Cost of brick addition to kitchen, two stories in height, for refrigerating plant, $500.00; cost of refrigerating plant complete and installation, and finish of room on level with kitchen floor, $3,000.00; room on level with basement floor chilled for vegetables. The advance in price of cork lining and other materials made the complete equipment of both rooms impossible within the amount of the appropriation. The Larson Ice Machinery Co. agrees to complete the lower room at an additional cost of $500.00, and we recommend an appropriation for that amount so that the plant may be entirely completed. The present contract of the company is completed except that proper tests of the plant have not been made because of the shortage in our water supply.

The appropriation of one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars for laundry machinery was found to be adequate for the machinery alone which cost $910.00. Additional motors however cost $137.50 which exceeded our appropriation by $47.50, which amount was paid out of the maintenance fund.

The addition of the hospital and constantly increasing number of members caused our water supply, which is secured from shallow wells, to prove entirely insufficient during the latter part of the past summer. Sand pumping has to some extent relieved the condition but we now recommend that an appropriation be made to solve our water problem. With that end in view we have consulted the director of the Illinois Water Survey and have had specifications prepared by C. A. Chapman, Inc., consulting engineers, and from their reports, which are before us in detail, we are of the opinion that a system of wells must be established, and from estimates submitted we believe the cost of wells and equipment will approximate $3,000.00, for which amount we recommend that an appropriation be made.

We also recommend an appropriation of $1,500.00 for installing complete kitchen equipment in the hospital, and needed new equipment in the kitchen in the home. Under present conditions the food is carried on trucks through the cold air from kitchen in the home, to the hospital, and on account of this transfer it is frequently thoroughly chilled.

The Farm.

Appended hereto will be found superintendent's report of farm, and the executive committee's report also gives further details of its management.

After the appropriation of $12,000.00 was made last October for erection of a barn, a committee was appointed consisting of members of the Board of Managers, with Dr. W. A. Dixon as chairman. *Without expense to the Grand Lodge* several trips of inspection were made by members of the committee to modern farm buildings in northern Illinois, and after careful consideration a type of building was decided on consisting of concrete and frame construction, cement tile roof and concrete floor, the building to be equipped with proper feed and litter carriers, and connected with a Polk system silo 14x50 feet. The dimensions of the main barn were to be 104x36 feet with dairy barn extension to south of 58x36 feet, making ample housing space for 70 head of stock.

Contract for the type of building needed could not be let within the amount of appropriation available, with existing material prices, although repeated efforts were made with contractors, and architects plans were revised. When it became apparent that the building could not be erected within the amount of the appropriation the matter was submitted to the Grand Master and he authorized our committee to proceed with the letting of the contract, provided we kept the expense within $15,000.00, or $3,000.00 more than the original appropriation. Contracts have been entered into on this basis, and the building is now about two-thirds completed. The silo is completed and filled, and the barn will be ready for use before winter weather prevails. We therefore request an additional appropriation of $3,000.00 to be used in this connection.

We are pleased to report that the relations between the county officials, road commissioners and our neighbors of Moultrie county, and your Board of Managers, have been most pleasant during the past year.

The annual payment of $800.00 to E. C. Swain for the farm donated by Swain and Shuman, was made promptly, and $600.00 was paid to our neighbor on the north for a strip of land 40 feet by 200 rods in dimensions for a new road. This new road connects the main road to the west of the Masonic Home farm with the road which formerly turned south and separated the Home farm from the Swain farm. This new road was graded and improved at the expense of the home and then presented



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to Jonathan Creek Township to be used as a road. In return, East Nelson township agrees to vacate the old road, which runs between the two tracts owned by the Grand Lodge, and in time the Swain-Shuman donation will be combined with the Miller donation and form one body of land 160 rods by 400 rods, making 400 acres on north side of road. By this transaction we will receive an equal amount of land in the vacated road to what we have donated to the township. We are also co-operating with the road commissioners of East Nelson township in the building of a much needed grade on the road running through our land east and west. When this grade is completed the supervisors have agreed that the hard road to be built in Moultrie county in 1917 with State aid, shall be awarded our road provided the necessary subscriptions are made by the adjacent property owners. We have decided that a proper proportion of the expense of the grade for us to pay, considering benefits to be derived, is $500.00, and for the building of the hard road $1,500.00, and for the concrete road that will be needed, which we cannot pay for out of our maintenance fund in connecting the home roads with the hospital and home buildings, $1,000.00.

We therefore recommend that an appropriation of $3,000.00 be made for these purposes, $1,500.00 of which is not to be used unless the hard road is awarded to the road adjacent to the Masonic Home farm.

The recommendation of the committee in report of last year that an agriculturist be employed, has been acted upon, and a graduate of the agricultural department of the University of Illinois, is now our farm superintendent; he is rapidly improving the condition of the farm and our crops this year were earlier, and our yield better than most farms in our neighborhood.

The home at Sullivan has reached the limit of its capacity. At the present time a number of our brethren have to be cared for in basement rooms and the accommodations for employees have become totally inadequate. It is possible now to receive only the most urgent cases of the many asking for admission. We think it is the duty of the Grand Lodge to provide the facilities for taking care of all worthy cases and thereby do away with a waiting list which now is the cause of much adverse criticism. We therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge appropriate $65,000.00 for the erection and furnishing of a new building to be located between the hospital and the administration building, thereby carrying out the original plan of a central administration building with residence buildings at each side.

Several reports of examination on the condition of the boilers at the Sullivan Home have been considered by your Board of Managers, and we are of the opinion that an appropriation of one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars should be made for the proper repairing and renewing of same so

that all hazard may be removed therefrom. The present boilers have been in use ten years.

The Adolph Rossler bequest of $1,000.00 was turned over to the executive committee in charge of the Sullivan Home, and by them invested in a first real estate mortgage bond drawing 6% interest, signed by A. I. Richardson; said bond is dated August 1, 1916, and interest thereon is payable semi-annually. This investment was made in accordance with the terms of the bequest which is as follows: "I give, devise and bequeath to the trustees of the Masonic Home at Sullivan, Illinois, the sum of one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars, said sum to be invested by said trustees in safe securities, the interest therefrom to be applied by said trustees in such manner as to add to the happiness and personal comfort of the inmates of said home on Christmas or other appropriate holidays; the use of such interest by said board for such purposes to be entirely according to the best judgment of such board."

The reports of the treasurer, secretary, auditor, executive and special barn committees will be found in the appendix.

Robert J. Daly, President,
William A. Dixon,
Louis L. Emmerson,
Robert C. Fletcher,
William D. Price,
Irvin Shuman,
Ralph H. Wheeler, *ex officio*,
Austin H. Scrogin, *ex officio*.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. Richard E. Kropf. It was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Whereas, The aprons and other paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge, by many years of use, are no longer in the best of condition; and,

Whereas, The ever increasing demands for the use of the Grand Lodge jewels and other equipment at ceremonies of constitution, institution and other occasions make the possession of another set of jewels and other paraphernalia almost a necessity so that two such ceremonies may be held at the same time, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized to purchase an additional set of Grand officers' jewels, aprons, rods and other necessary Grand Lodge paraphernalia.

REPORT—Committee on Chartered Lodges.

Bro. Harry W. Harvey at the request of Bro. Phil C. Barclay, Chairman, presented two reports of the committee. Both of which were adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges, to whom the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were sent for tabulation, present the following report:

Including the German speaking lodges, and their special deputy, there are fifty one districts of which forty two deputies reported on all their lodges, and nine only partially, so that with eight hundred and forty seven lodges we received reports on seven hundred and seventy five, and from the reports received and tabulated, we find the following:

Two hundred and fifty-nine lodges owned either in part or exclusively their own hall.

One hundred and three lodges carry no insurance on property or furniture.

Three hundred and thirty-eight lodges are not provided with fire proof safes or vaults for the safe keeping of their records.

Fifteen secretaries are not prepared with proper books and blanks.

In one hundred and twenty-eight lodges the records are not kept in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge By-laws.

In sixty-five lodges the minutes showed the character of reports of investigating committees.

Thirty-two did not show receipts for fees and dues as required by law.

Fifty did not show time of opening and closing.

In thirty lodges the minutes were not signed by both master and secretary.

Forty-five lodges were not using proper form of petitions for degrees and affiliations.

In thirty-four lodges the by-laws were not in harmony with Grand Lodge by-laws.

Nine lodges had no roll of membership with by-laws to be signed by members.

One hundred and seven lodges never hold meetings for instruction or practice.

Thirty-one have no middle chamber pillars.

Sixty-two did not have third degree outfits as prescribed by the Board of Grand Examiners.

Forty did not have proper receiving instruments for the senior deacons.

In thirty-seven lodges the dues are not collected promptly.

In thirty lodges the books of the secretary and treasurer are not audited annually.

The reports also show one lodge without lesser lights and two without rods for deacons and stewards.

We again urge the District Deputy Grand Masters to impress upon their lodges the importance of correcting any errors or discrepancies noted above.

It has been suggested to the committee that in next year's report the lodges delinquent in any of the errors be mentioned specifically.

These official visits and inspections of the District Deputy Grand Masters have, we are sure, resulted in correcting a number of things which will prove helpful to the lodges in their work, and in keeping their records. From what we can learn from the reports we believe that the deputies have been received in a most cordial manner and their instructions and suggestions have been accepted by the lodges in the spirit in which they were intended.

We desire especially to commend the District Deputy Grand Masters for their unselfish devotion to the duties required of them, realizing that the constantly increasing efficiency of lodge officers is largely due to their supervision and efforts.

Fraternally submitted,

PHIL C. BARCLAY,
HARRY W. HARVEY,
ASA G. TREES,
W. W. WATSON,
WM. H. BECKMAN,
Committee.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges having checked up the returns from the constituent lodges for the year ending June 30, 1916, present the following report:

INCREASE.

Number raised	11,121
Number re-instated	386
Admitted	1,389
Add for error	115
Total increase	13,011

DECREASE.

Suspended	1,115
Expelled	20
Dimitted	2,700
Died	1,790
Add for error	80
Total decrease	5,705

SUMMARY.

Net gain in membership	7,306
Membership June 30, 1916	148,055
Number of chartered lodges	847
Members residing in Illinois	132,380
Members residing outside of Illinois	11,675
Number initiated	12,012
Number passed	11,306
Received for dues year ending June 30, 1916	$147,984.90
Contributed to members, their widows and orphans	61,420.16
Contributed to those not members	14,487.53
Contributed to Masonic Orphans Home	1,519.98
Contributed to Home at Sullivan	1,119.10

Your committee commends the efficiency of the Grand Secretary in so impressing on the secretaries the importance of promptness, that every lodge has made proper returns and that there are no Grand Lodge dues outstanding.

Fraternally submitted,

PHIL C. BARCLAY,
HARRY W. HARVEY,
W. W. WATSON,
ASA G. TREES,
WM. H. BECKMAN,
Committee.

REPORT—Committee on Finance.

Bro. Edward H. Thomas, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Finance fraternally report that they have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary and the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer and find same to be correct as set forth in their respective reports. That all moneys due the Grand Lodge have been collected by the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, correctly accounted for on his books and duly paid over to the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer who has properly receipted for same. That the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer has properly and correctly accounted for all moneys and has on deposit in the State Bank of Chicago the cash balance, also the securities as noted in his report and of which the following is a synopsis:

GENERAL FUND.

DEBIT.

Cash balance October 5th, 1915		$104,122.92
Cash received from Grand Secretary		87,883.35
Total		$192,006.27

CREDIT.

By mileage and per diem paid officers and committee since last report	$ 4,225.30	
By mileage and per diem paid representatives since last report	17,398.26	
By miscellaneous vouchers paid since last report	77,314.04	
By vouchers paid for officers' salaries	5,900.00	
Total		$104,837.60
Leaving total balance cash on hand, General Fund		$ 87,168.67

CHARITY FUND.

DEBIT.

Cash balance October 5th, 1915	$ 63,897.10	
Cash received from Grand Secretary	96,225.03	
Total		$160,122.13

CREDIT.

By vouchers paid since last report	$ 96,012.73	
Leaving total balance cash on hand, Charity Fund		$ 64,109.40
And total balance of cash on hand in both funds		$151,278.07

Your committee finds the par value of investment securities in the several funds as follows:

Charity fund	$ 800.00	
Home for Aged fund	8,000.00	
Illinois Masonic Orphans Home fund	84,150.00	
Masonic Home fund	500.00	
General fund	69,000.00	
Total securities		$162,450.00
Total assets of Grand Lodge		$313,728.07
Less Voucher No. 125 on General Fund still outstanding and to make Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's accounts balance		15.50
Making correct total assets of Grand Lodge		$313,712.57

Your committee recommends that appropriations from the Charity Fund be made as follows:

Maintenance and support of Illinois Masonic Home, Sullivan, for the ensuing year	$ 40,000.00
Maintenance and support of Masonic Orphans' Home, La Grange, for the ensuing year	21,000.00

We also recommend that special appropriations be made from the Charity Fund as follows:

Manual Training and Domestic Science, Masonic Orphans' Home, La Grange	1,500.00
To pay unpaid bills of past year, Illinois Masonic Home, Sullivan	2,548.83
For completing refrigerating plant, Illinois Masonic Home, Sullivan	500.00
For providing for adequate water supply, Illinois Masonic Home, Sullivan	3,000.00
For new kitchen equipment Illinois Masonic Home and Hospital, Sullivan	1,500.00
For completing new barn, Sullivan	3,000.00
For repairs and renewals to boiler and heating plant Illinois Masonic Home, Sullivan	1,000.00
For grading and putting in hard road adjacent to Illinois Masonic Home, Sullivan	3,000.00
For continuation of appraisals of Homes at Sullivan and La Grange	75.00
For new dormitory building at Illinois Masonic Home, Sullivan	65,000.00

Your committee also recommends that appropriations from the General Fund to defray the necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year be made as follows:

For mileage and per diem of officers, representatives and committees	22,000.00
For printing and distributing proceedings	5,100.00
Miscellaneous printing	4,000.00
For printing Official Monitor of A. F. & A. M.	500.00
For salaries of Grand Officers	7,100.00
For schools of instruction, State and District	1,800.00
For expense of Grand Master's office	900.00
For expense of Grand Secretary's office	1,500.00
For District Deputies' expense	1,000.00
For expense of Advisory Council	1,000.00
For miscellaneous expenses	8,000.00
For stenographer, private telephone and other expense, Grand Master's office	1,200.00
For additional clerk hire Grand Secretary's office	600.00

Your Committee further recommends that orders be drawn upon the General Fund for the following expenses:

Bro. Charles H. Martin, Committee on Correspondence	$ 500.00
Bro. Chester S. Gurney, services as Grand Tyler	100.00
Bro. Chester S. Gurney, sundry expense	62.00
Bro. Charles G. Palmer, services, stenographer	32.00
Oriental Consistory, rent	300.00

Your Committee also recommends that an order be drawn on the General Fund for $294.25 to reimburse Bro. Isaac Cutter for money personally expended on equipment &c., in the Grand Secretary's office. Also, that an order be drawn on the General Fund for $149.10 to reimburse Bro. I. Harry Todd for money personally expended on equipment in the Grand Secretary's office.

Also that an order be drawn on the General Fund for $100.00 to the order of Bro. Phil. C. Barclay, Chairman of Committee on Chartered Lodges, to cover office expense, clerk hire &c.

Also that an order be drawn on the General Fund for $300.00 to the order of Bro. Owen Scott for services rendered as Chairman of the Joseph Robbins' Memorial, and an additional $100.00 for stenographic expense.

Your Committee further recommend that the members of the several committees, and the Past Grand Masters not otherwise provided for, in attendance on this annual meeting be allowed and paid the sum of $3.00 per day for each day's services rendered, in addition to the compensation provided in the By-Laws, and that your Committee be authorized to preserve the paid orders upon the Grand Treasurer for the past year, until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, for reference should occasion require.

Your Committee also recommends that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to sell, transfer and deliver Certificate No. 103 for Forty Seven and one-half (47½) shares of the Capital Stock of the Western Lime and Cement Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Certificate No. 57 for Two Hundred and Four (204) shares of the Capital stock of the Union Lime Co., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and now in his hands, and in the name of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home, and the amount realized thereon be invested in securities to be placed in the Fund designated in the bequest.

Your Committee would also recommend in view of the fact that there is not sufficient funds in the Charity Fund to take care of the appropriations of said fund, that $50,000.00 of invested securities of the General Fund be transferred as needed to the Charity Fund and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to make said transfer.

With reference to that portion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's report concerning the Washington Masonic Memorial Association, your

Committee feel owing to the large sums of money required to take care of the numerous appropriations made by the Grand Lodge, the position taken by the Most Worshipful Grand Master is a proper one, and we would recommend that no appropriation be made for this purpose at this time.

Referring to the resolution offered by Brother Kropf for the purchase of Grand Lodge Paraphernalia, and inasmuch as your Committee are unable to give the approximate cost of same, your Committee on Finance would recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be authorized to expend not to exceed $500.00 for such paraphernalia.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD H. THOMAS,
THOMAS A. STEVENS,
EDWARD W. PETERSON,
Committee.

ORATION.

Bro. Oscar A. Kropf, the Grand Orator, delivered the Oration.

On motion the thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended to Bro. Kropf, by a rising vote.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Standing in a position, which I know has been graced by some of the most eloquent and distinguished members of the craft, I am profoundly conscious of the honor which this privilege carries with it, and the inspiring opportunity which it affords. To endeavor to convince the twelve men good and true, designated by our laws as the arbiters, over life and property, of the righteousness of the cause, which you are pleading, is an interesting and inspiring task. To attempt to command the attention, if not the applause of listening Senates, is a most laudable ambition. But to stand before this assemblage, and speak to men brought together, not by the struggle of man against man, not by the lure of wealth, nor by the dream of power, but by the mysterious magnetism of those magic words—Human Brotherhood—, is indeed a privilege that might well tax the capacity of the most eloquent and more than satisfy the ambition of the most aspiring.

It was my privilege on the last Fourth of July to participate in the celebration of our national birthday at Manitowoc, Wisconsin. In the morning while glancing over the newspaper I observed on the front page of

one of our leading dailies, a large picture of a man, and under it the words, "The Man of the Hour in Newport Society." The article which accompanied this picture stated that the original of this counterfeit presentment had attracted much attention in the social circles of that fashionable summer colony by tickling the jaded palates of its members by some grotesque antics.

On the evening of the same day, in company with a number of friends, I watched the fire-works which were being displayed from a large barge anchored some distance off shore. Suddenly one rocket, driven by more than ordinary force, shot far up into the night sky, exploded with a loud report, and sprinkled the dusky vault of heaven with a variegated shower of iridescent drops of light. An involuntary murmur of approval arose from the surrounding throng, and as involuntarily the thought flashed through my mind, how like a man of the hour. The night was clear though moonless, and my gaze swept out over the hazy lake northward, until it fell upon the north star, pouring down its sidereal fire, in silent splendor. For a moment man's sputtering efforts vanished from my vision, and I seemed to see those serene rays, streaming as from out of the infinite, pour down upon the lake, lashed by the fury of the tempest, and again purring under summer skies, wrapped in the warm embrace of gentle zephyrs. I saw them shine upon the earth screened in winter's wondrous mantle of snow, and again, as it lay, clad in June's verdure, slumbering beneath the enchanting splendor of a moon-lit midsummer night's high noon, and there was borne in upon my consciousness the thought: what this world needs is not an occasional man of the hour, but what it needs, and that to which it is entitled at the hands of each and every one of us, is every man a man every minute. The suggestion of that night is my theme of today.

Geologists tell us that millions of years have elapsed since the nebulae and fiery dusts which rolled together to make up this planet, began to spin through space as a more or less coherent mass. We find remnants and fossils, which lead us to believe, that man in practically his present physical form has inhabited this globe for several hundred thousand years. Recorded history, the evidence of man's existence as a thinker, carries us back but a few short thousand years. The tremendous forces of nature manifested in the creative convulsions of fire and glacial ice, the stupendous animal powers of the monsters of the Mesozoic Age, were the mere forerunners to the greatest, the ultimate, force upon this earth, thinking man.

Back of the beating hammer
By which the steel is wrought,
Back of the workshop's clamor
The seeker may find the thought;
The thought that is ever master

Of iron and steam and steel,
That rises above disaster
And tramples it under heel.

The drudge may fret and tinker,
Or labor with lusty blows,
But back of him stands the thinker,
The clear-eyed man who knows;
For into each plow and saber,
Each piece and part and whole,
Must go the brains of labor,
Which gives the work of soul.

Back of the motor's humming,
Back of the bells that sing,
Back of the hammer's drumming,
Back of the cranes that swing,
There is the eye that scans them,
Watching through stress and strain;
There is the mind which plans them—
Back of the brawn, the brain.

Might of the roaring boiler,
Force of the engine's thrust,
Strength of the sweating toiler,
Greatly in these we trust;
But back of them stands the schemer,
The thinker who drives things through;
Back of the job the dreamer
Who's making the dream come true.

But the power of thought, however great, however subtle, is as destructive, as the unrestrained forces of nature, unless it is guided and controlled. Mental man must be under moral guidance to be earth's great and beneficent force.

The greatest thing on earth is not genius, but just manhood. The greatest power on earth is not electricity, not armies, not money, but character. We have skyscrapers, steam yachts, zeppelins, and a million other things, but they are mere by-products, mere means to an end, and that end is the upbuilding of the human individual, into a character. The aim of creation, its ultimate object, is not populous cities, not impregnable forts, not man-created kings or princes, but you, my friend, who sit before me, individual man. For you the winged messenger of old was enabled to return with the green branch as a harbinger of hope, that the devastating floods were receding. For you, the ten thousand Greeks marched through

the desert wastes of Asia Minor, and for you the wooden walls of Athens were built. For you did priests sacrifice in the forests of Dodona, and the Cumaean Sybil seek to read the message of the fates upon her elusive leaves. For you a Galileo went to the dungeon of the Inquisition, and a John Huss to its funeral pyre. For you a Livingston crept through the miasmic swamps of darkest Africa, and a Peary trod the ice floes beneath the Boreal lights. For you was the French Revolution, the German Reformation, the American Declaration of Human Rights. For you men have endured,

> "The uplifted axe,
> The agonizing wheel,
> Luke's iron crown,
> And Damien's bed of steel,"

that in you and me there might be developed, and in us there might be realized that higher possible manhood, which is the one end towards which all creation and civilization is tending.

Masonry finds in this fact the cause for its existence and the assurance of its permanence. Masonry, the moral science, the study of manhood, the science of character, which when practiced gives us the art of right living, has survived and will survive, changing dynasties, shifting religious beliefs, aye, falling nations, because its aim is that which is not confined to any time or race or clime; the upbuilding of a manly man. When we get this fundamental view of our order, its permanence, its universality is not a source of surprise to us. It is linked with the eternal, in the plan of creation. Conscious of the fatherhood of that great mysterious Power, by whatever name it is adored, which teaches the lily and the pansy growing side by side, in the same soil, the one to select the purest white and the other the richest and rarest gold and purple wherewith to paint its petals, and cognizant of the fact that it is the object of our creation, and our duty, so created, to endeavor to approximate the highest possible type of manhood, the feeling of brother towards our fellowmen, follows as a matter of course, and the practice of the virtues which we inculcate becomes an incident to the growth of that complete man of whom those virtues are a necessary part. The commandments of Masonry may be summed up in one sentence, "Be a man, at all times, in all places, under all circumstances. Be a man every minute."

At the risk of seeming slightly to digress, I would bring this truth nearer home to us as men and Masons of the twentieth century, and as citizens of the United States of America. Our fields have been fertile, our mines rich, our climate conducive to vigorous health. Partly prompted by the demands of the situation and aided in part by the ingenuity of every race which has joined with us in building up this nation, we have transformed these material things into wealth; we have shown a genius for

industrial, for material, for financial development, but unless with this growth along mechanical and industrial lines there has been a growth of character; unless with our development along these lines, there has been developed in the American individual, a type of manhood, greater, broader, better, nobler than any which civilization has heretofore produced, then, we have builded only for a time, and that a short time.

Wealth cannot preserve a nation. Power cannot perpetuate a nation. Need I cite to you the empires of old to point the moral! But men of the youngest, proudest, most hopeful, and hope inspiring nation on earth, men in whose veins mingles the best and proudest blood of the world's races, men of this great order, which believes in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, if we would have the Stars and Stripes forever wave over a land of freedom, a land of which we may be justly proud, then back of our armaments, and back of our battlements, yes, back of our armies and navies must stand the manhood of America, not merely as a physical but primarily as a moral force.

I am going to take the privilege of interpolating one thought here. It was my good fortune to arrive just in time to see that healthy, wholesome, happy, aggregation of boys and girls that were brought in here from the Masonic Orphans' Home at La Grange. My mind naturally was centered on the aims and objects of Masonry, and what we were doing to carry out those aims and objects. As I saw those children, there occurred to me the words of the Roman matron, who, when she was asked about her worldly wealth, pointed to her children and said, "These are my jewels." And it occurred to me what a source of gratification it must be to you, most Worshipful Sir, what a source of satisfaction it must be to these Brethren who handle the details connected with the immediate care of these children, and what a source of pride and pleasure it should be to you and to me, and to every Mason in the State of Illinois, that we may look at these children and say, though fortuitous chance bereft them of a father's protecting care, and although it deprived them of a mother's love, we as an institution, are supplying that of which misfortune has robbed them, and are in a position today to say of these children, "These are our jewels."

I want to express the hope—yes, it would not be sacrilegious for me to say the prayer—that they and others similarly situated may be provided for as these children are being cared for; that they may be educated, that they may be trained and fitted for some useful occupation so that we may send them out in the world to be useful citizens, to be valuable members of society, and that they may indeed shine as jewels in the crown of Masonry.

But to come back to my original theme. It is by the capacity of man to comprehend, to use, to enjoy them, that the value of the material objects of creation is determined. The perfume of the rose is sweet, and the incense of the violet is entrancing. Why? Because of the capacity of the human

brain so to interpret the message which they send to it through the nerves of the nostrils. To a comprehending capacity, otherwise attuned than ours, the plaintive note of the nightingale, or the cheerful song of the skylark might be an offensive noise. The golden glory of a summer sunset and the delicate pink and green of a spring morning are beautiful, because man's mind, through the instrumentality of the eye, so interprets these combinations of light and shade and color. The material object of nature gives us pain or pleasure, joy or sorrow, in a great measure, according to the interpretation which our personality puts upon them. God gives us the materials with which to build a high power telescope of ourselves, but alas, too often we are satisfied with tinkering together a twenty-five cent spy glass, and then complaining because we cannot see further with it.

Every individual, has within himself the same divine spark, the same potential force. The heritage of the ages is yours and mine, in equal proportions. It belongs to each and every one of us. The question for us to consider is: are we proving ourselves a worthy heir, or are we hiding our inheritance in a napkin.

This brings us to the thought that we must learn to realize the value and worth of the individual; the responsibility of the individual, and the importance of individuality. A mob becomes possible, because the human units who compose it have surrendered their individuality. A mob never accomplished anything. Much ruin may be found in its wake, but that is the simple consequence of brute force run amuck. There is little satisfaction in dealing with crowds. I confess to little faith in majorities. What this world wants is individuals. I would sooner have one individual personality than a million nonentities who hide their ideas, or rather lack of them, behind the decision of a majority.

I am addressing myself to you as individuals, as characters. I invoke the native dignity, and call upon the power of the personality of each individual before me to carry out upon the free and invigorating prairies of Illinois, and into the dark and dreary places of its cities, the message of moral manhood, the idea every man a man every minute, the standard upon which is emblazoned the value, the power, the dignity of character.

The arena of your action has nothing to do with its intrinsic worth. Character "transmutes the common thing of life into gold by the alchemy of the spirit." It matters not whether its lines fall in the humble hamlet or the maddening crowd of the great metropolis. It carries its freshness, its poise, its tranquility into all places. It is like a cooling hand upon a fevered brow, in a moment of distress, like an encouraging smile to the despondent, in a moment of despair, like a refreshing draught to the weary traveler faltering by the wayside. It stands upon the rock around which rage the angry waters of human passion, and says:

"The star of the unconquered will,
He rises in my breast,
Serene and resolute, and still
And calm and self-possessed."

We are wont to lull ourselves into a state of mental ease by the idea that the great things of this world have fallen to the lot of others; that our efforts are of no particular consequence. Let us explode that fallacy. That there is a giant for every occasion, and the rest of us are mere pigmies, is a mistaken notion. To subscribe to that sentiment, is to minimize individual worth. It is to characterize God's handiwork, created in his own image, as so much mere chaff. Why were we given the power of thought and the capacity to translate that thought into action, but to leave some trace, some impression of our individuality upon this earth? To do less is a disgrace. To accomplish this requires no spectacular achievement which the world applauds. The opportunity for that may never come, and the performance of it may be of doubtful value. But it means the doing well, the common things of every day life. Sanctify and glorify the things which we are inclined to look upon as the ordinary things of every day existence by the thoroughness and splendor of their performance. Be the task however humble, the character of the performer lends it dignity. Be the lists where they may, a character within them will exert an influence which will continue in ever widening circles until their circumference touches the shores of eternity. Usefulness in life's lowliest stations is greatness. We stand in awe before the canvas upon which the deft hand of the painter has portrayed the image of a great character. With rapture we look upon the marble statue which the skill of the sculptor has carved out of the cold, dull stone. We listen with pleasure to the poet's story of manly action, self sacrifice and devotion. We may not be able to paint, or carve, or sing, but we can do more, we can live a life which, by its simple, sterling qualities, beggars in comparison that which they have thrown upon the canvas, carved from the stone, or immortalized in verse.

Let us dare to be ourselves. Let us have faith in our own thoughts, and confidence in our own capacity. Emerson says, "It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion. It is easy in solitude to live after our own, but the great man is he, who in the midst of the crowd, keeps with perfect sweetness, the independence of solitude." God created you as well as your neighbor, then why is not your individuality entitled to as much consideration as his? The biggest thing about a king is the fact that he is a man. So are you a man. Fortune lies in the man, not in his surroundings. If there is a flaw in ourselves, we carry it with us, whether we are in the humble hut of the pauper, or in the gilded palace of a prince. Character creates its own atmosphere. The man of character need not measure

his manhood by the standards of others. God has placed the touch-stone in his breast. I would sooner trust the man who can take stock of himself, in the dark, for five minutes after he goes to bed, and who, during the last of those five minutes floats away into the realm of dreamless peaceful sleep, than the man who brings me the written recommendations of every bank president in town. I would sooner be a humble candle and shine by my own light than to be the much admired mellow moon, and know, that I only shine because I am reflecting the light of the sun. I would not inflate anyone with a mistaken, ill-portioned, exaggerated notion of his own importance, but I would have you and the world realize, and get the benefit of, the full value of the powers of your individuality.

To be a man of character, we do not have to surrender our common sense. A man may have principle, and withal be practical. He may be a moral force and to be that, he need not be a physical weakling, a business failure or a financial wreck. A man of character combines sanity with wholesome sentiment. He is neither intimidated, nor over-awed by the show of wealth. He does not parade poverty as a virtue. He realizes that as long as man must live in part, at least, by bread, it is a man's first duty to provide that bread for himself and his family. He holds that a man should render service to society, but he has little patience with, or sympathy for, the individual whose babies are starving and short on shoes, while he is going around making the welkin ring with his shouts of social service stuff. He believes that the idea of human brotherhood, much like charity, begins at home, and that an individual cannot be much of a brother to his fellowmen unless he is first a properly providing, loving and loyal husband and father to his family.

He stands committed to the principle that although the love of money may be the root of all evil, the love of some men to live without earning any money, is an evil producing root of no mean proportions, that "the rank is but the guinea's stamp, and a man's a man for a' that." He is jealous of the worth of his personality, respects the personality of his neighbor, but he fears not, if need be, to incur ill-will by puncturing some of the human balloons that float around under the mistaken notion that their pomposity is personality. He measures a man's charity not by what he gives, but what he has left; his piety, not by the rent which he pays for his church pew, but by the rent which he charges the poor widow that is living in his tenement; and his honesty not by the size of his bank balance, but by the methods through which he acquired it. This world contains nothing so great, nothing so wonderful, the acquiring of which he would not count loss if obtained through the surrendering of one iota of his manhood.

I hold no panacea wherewith to cure the ills that human flesh is heir to. However much it might be my desire, I know it is not within my power to ameliorate the objectionable conditions in human society. The

hand on my life's dial points beyond the years where Utopian dreams abide. But I do know that men have built mighty empires only to see them crumble. Men have amassed vast fortunes only to see them fade. Men have acquired great power only to see it vanish, but the man who has developed his personality, the man who has been a man every minute, the man who builds a character, has built not only for time but for eternity, and transmits to his posterity and the world, a heritage, greater than that of the owner of all the wealth of ancient "Ormuz and Ind"; or the monarch whose sceptre ruled the four corners of the earth.

REPORT—Committee on Legislation.

Bro. Alexander H. Bell presented the following report of the Committee on Legislation. It was adopted unanimously. The proposed amendment to the Constitution was seconded by a majority vote of the Grand Lodge, and it will be sent out to the lodges.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

The great enterprises conducted by this Grand Lodge for the relief of its indigent members, their widows and orphans, are making such appeal to some of the charitably disposed Masons of this grand jurisdiction, that gifts, bequests and devises of money and property to this Grand Lodge for the use and benefit of such enterprises are being made from time to time.

The Grand Master's advisory council has learned that it would be helpful and reassuring to such charitably disposed brethren if this Grand Lodge would in some suitable form give assurance that the conditions of any such gift, devise or conveyance as imposed by the donor, would be strictly observed by this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee on Law, acting at the suggestion of the Grand Master's Advisory Council is impressed with the conviction that the purpose and effect of such change in our laws would be much more potent and give assurance to charitably disposed brethren, much more effectively and stable, if the same were by way of a constitutional amendment, rather than an amendment to the by-laws.

Your Committee on Law, therefore, respectfully proposes the following amendment to the Constitution of this most worshipful Grand Lodge:

It is proposed to amend the Constitution by inserting therein a section to be numbered Code number 55, to read as follows:

"55. Should any person give to this Grand Lodge by gift, devise or conveyance any real or personal estate with any limitations or conditions

specified in such gift, devise or conveyance, that such property so given or only the income thereof shall be used for the maintenance and support of the Masonic Home at Sullivan or the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at Sullivan, or the Orphans' Home at La Grange, or any other charity which this Grand Lodge may hereafter establish, or that the same shall be used and employed by this Grand Lodge in any specified manner or for any specified purpose within the activities of this Grand Lodge, then this Grand Lodge hereby creates and establishes such fund and property so given to it as an endowment fund or trust fund to be used and employed only for the uses and purposes and in the manner specified in such gift, devise or conveyance, and this Grand Lodge shall be forever pledged faithfully to administer and preserve such funds and property as a trust according to the limitations and conditions of such gift, devise or conveyance. All such funds and property shall be kept and accounted for by the Grand Treasurer separate from all other funds and property of this Grand Lodge, and subject only to such administrative regulations as this Grand Lodge may impose, consistent with the conditions of such gift, devise or conveyance.''

Fraternally submitted,

ELMER D. BROTHERS,
A. H. BELL,
JAMES K. LAMBERT,
Committee.

REPORT—Celebrating Second Centennial.

Bro. Alexander H. Bell presented the following report of the Grand Masters Advisory Council. It was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

At the meeting of this Grand Lodge, held A. D. 1915, the Grand Master's Advisory Council was instructed to consider and report to this Grand Lodge upon the advisibility of celebrating the second centennial of the first Grand Lodge of Masons.

The Grand Master's Advisory Council, having carefully considered the question here presented, respectfully reports that because of the unsettled condition of affairs throughout the world and of the great enterprises which this Grand Lodge is now conducting, and of the great expense which such a celebration would entail, if the same were conducted by this Grand Lodge, it is inadvisable for this Grand Lodge to celebrate the second centennial of the first Grand Lodge of Masons, as suggested.

In view, however, of the interest of the craft throughout the State in all matters pertaining to Masonic history and of the great benefit which would result to the craft throughout the State from a familiarity with the history of the parent Grand Lodge, it is recommended that the several lodges

throughout the State in such manner and at such time as to them may seem best, celebrate by appropriate readings, lectures, addresses or otherwise, the second centennial of the first Grand Lodge of Masons.

Fraternally submitted,

A. H. BELL,

For the Grand Master's Advisory Council.

REPORT—Committee on Legislation.

Bro. Alexander H. Bell presented the following report of the Committee on Legislation.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Legislation to which were referred several amendments proposed at the last session of this Grand Lodge, respectfully reports with reference thereto, as follows:

First: The amendment proposed to Code 643, printed at page 75 of the Grand Lodge Proceedings for the year 1915, raising the per capita tax of members of Lodges U. D. to one dollar, is in the words following:

643. Every Lodge under dispensation shall pay one dollar Grand Lodge dues annually for every Master Mason whose name is upon the dispensation, who is not a member of a chartered lodge in Illinois.

Your committee, without entering into reasons therefor, recommends the adoption of the foregoing amendment.

Thereupon the foregoing amendment was adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge.

Second: The amendment proposed to Code number 837, paragraphs A. and B., printed at page 75 of the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1915, are of the following effect. Paragraph A. now reads as follows:

A. If charges are received at a stated meeting they shall then and there be read.

The proposition of amendment does not change paragraph A.

Paragraph B. as printed in the Blue Book, reads as follows:

B. If charges are received during recess of the lodge, said charges shall be read at the next stated meeting thereafter, of which meeting all the resident members shall have due notice.

The effect of the proposed amendment is merely to strike out the concluding clause of Section B. as now existing, namely, to strike out the words:

''Of which meeting all the resident members shall have due notice.''

Your committee is of the opinion that the provision of the existing law requiring that all resident members have due notice is wise, and we, therefore, recommend that the proposed amendments to Code 837 be not adopted.

The proposed Amendment failed to receive a two-thirds majority of the Grand Lodge and was lost.

Third: Code number 717 at present reads as follows:

717. No Mason shall use, or be a party to the using, of the word 'Masonic,' as a part of the style and title or designation of any business, firm, concern, company, association or enterprise whatever, whether for profit or otherwise, unless such business shall be the printing or publishing of Masonic books, papers or periodicals, or the manufacture and sale of Masonic supplies.

Your committee is of the opinion that the purpose of the by-law as above set forth was to forbid the use of the word ''Masonic,'' in ordinary business enterprises, dealing with the general public, such as to run a ''Masonic Cigar Stand,'' or ''Masonic Hotel,'' or ''Free Mason's Restaurant,'' and things of that character, and that it should not be held to apply to such enterprises among Masons as ''Masonic Cemeteries,'' ''Masonic Associations,'' ''Masonic Hospitals,'' or ''Masonic Insurance Companies.'' This question was submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee last year. The Jurisprudence Committee made a report which was adopted by this Grand Lodge, as appears at page 96 of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1915. In that report of the Jurisprudence Committee it was recommended that the Committee on Legislation frame and submit at that meeting of this Grand Lodge, suitable amendments to our Code of By-Laws, to effectuate the recommendations of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Your Committee on Legislation, obedient to the directions of this Grand Lodge, in approving the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, prepared and submitted to this Grand Lodge, at its last session, an amendment to Code number 717, in the following language:

717. No Mason shall use or be a party to the using of the word 'Masonic,' as a part of the style and title or designation of any business, firm, concern, company, association or enterprise whatever, whether for profit or otherwise, unless such business shall be the printing or publishing of Masonic books, papers or periodicals, or the manufacture and sale of Masonic supplies; nor shall any of the provisions of this or of Code number 715, and 716, be held to apply to any association, corporation, concern or business enterprise in existence and lawfully conducting their respective activities prior to the adoption of this and said several sections of this code, at the session of this Grand Lodge, in the year A. D. 1914; nor shall any

of the limitations or prohibitions in any such sections apply to any corporation domiciled in any state, territory or district, outside of the State of Illinois, which has been or may hereafter be lawfully formed by Masons of this or other Grand Jurisdictions, and which has received the sanction or approval of any sister Grand Lodge, with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relations or which has not been condemned by such sister Grand Lodge; nor to any of the agents of such corporation in conducting the business thereof, regardless of the place of residence or of business of such agents; nor shall any of the prohibitions of any of such sections apply to any association or organization of Masons in this State, formed for the purpose of Masonic relief, nor to any Masonic Hospital, burial or temple association, building association or employment bureau, whose membership is wholly composed of Masons, and whose activities are directed for the benefit and welfare of Freemasonry, or of Masons.''

Your committee has carefully considered the foregoing amendment as prepared by themselves, obedient to the directions of this Grand Lodge. We have received several suggestions that amendments will be offered to this pending amendment. We are not satisfied as to all of the features of the pending amendment, although in its general scope and purpose it is good. We are advised that a new amendment to this section will be offered at this session of the Grand Lodge and in order that the pending amendment and any proposed amendments may be considered together, we recommend that this committee be given until the next meeting of this Grand Lodge to make report on this amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally submitted,
ALEXANDER H. BELL,
ELMER D. BROTHERS,
JAMES K. LAMBERT,
Committee.

The report of the committee was adopted and the further time asked for was granted.

INVITATIONS.

Invitations were received during the meeting from the following lodges and read to the brethren by the Grand Secretary.

Oak Park Lodge No. 540.
Logan Square Lodge No. 891.
Garden City Lodge No. 141.
Kilwinning Lodge No. 311.
Ashlar Lodge No. 308.
Ancient Craft Lodge No. 907.
St. Cecelia Lodge No. 865.
Arcana Lodge No. 717.

REPORT—Special Committee.

The following report was presented. It was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

The undersigned who were appointed a committee to consider and report as to the proper safekeeping of the records of the Grand Secretary's office, respectfully report.

That upon inquiry we have ascertained that parties at Camp Point, where the Grand Secretary's office is located, are about to construct vaults of sufficient capacity and of satisfactory character to serve our purposes, and that such parties are ready and willing to rent such vaults or space therein sufficient for our needs at a reasonable rental. This we regard as a satisfactory solution of the problem for the present. We are advised that the party who is about to construct such vaults may require that they be rented for a term of three years, but even if that be found to be true, the rental for the three years would be moderate and such vaults will be needed at Camp Point for three years, unless our present Grand Secretary, by some unaccountable revolution, should be relieved of the responsibilities of the office which he now administers with such commendable faithfulness and efficiency. Your committee recommends that the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary be instructed to rent sufficient vaults at Camp Point wherein to store the records of the Grand Secretary's office upon such terms and conditions as to them shall seem best.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER H. BELL,
EDWARD H. THOMAS,
ARTHUR E. WOOD,
WM. B. WRIGHT,
HARRY L. BROWNING,
Committee.

AMENDMENTS TO CODE.

The following amendments were offered in writing. They both having received the seconds of representatives of more than twenty lodges, lie over until next year.

Amend Code 837 to read as follows:

837. All charges and specifications shall be filed with the secretary of the lodge and the date of said filing endorsed thereon. Without delay notice shall be sent by mail to all resident members of the filing of said charges,

with the names of the accuser and accused and the date of the stated meeting at which the same will be read in open lodge and their acceptance or rejection acted upon. The date of said stated meeting shall be fixed by the Master and shall be not less than five, nor more than twenty, days after the date said notice is mailed. However, in cases where the magnitude of an offense demands, or where the lodge or the master shall deem it for the best interests of masonry, the matter may be laid before the Grand Master, and by authority of his dispensation said charges may be read and accepted at a special meeting of the lodge, called for the purpose, of which notice, to be fixed by the Grand Master, shall be given the resident members.

Add Code 419 to "Acquirement of Lodge Membership."

419. A candidate upon being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, shall be required to pass a satisfactory examination in open Lodge on the catechism of the Third Degree before signing the Constitution and By-Laws of his Lodge."

REPORT—Committee on Lodges U. D.

Bro. Albert Jampolis, Chairman, presented the report of the committee. It was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Lodges under Dispensation would respectfully report that there have been presented to it for consideration the dispensations and returns of 11 lodges which have been working under dispensations since the last annual meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and as a result of their labors present the following report:—

NIAGARA LODGE, U. D., Chicago.

A dispensation was issued for this lodge October 4, 1915, by Bro. Henry T. Burnap, Grand Master, and dispensation was renewed by Brother Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master, on October 14, 1915. This lodge was instituted October 7, 1915, by Bro. Wm. H. Bied, D.D.G.M. for the Sixth District. The work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	79
Number elected	76
Number rejected	2
Number initiated	71
Number passed	69
Number raised	67
Number not acted on	1
Number named in dispensation	78

Number named in dispensation not signing petition for charter..... 5
Number signing petition for charter..... 140

Whose names are as follows:

Cyril Gustav Robinson, Harry Gardiner Pethick, Callie Sylvester Walker, Samuel Alexander Firin, Charles Bearman Brown, Charles Sumner Fuller, Harry Augustus Hargreaves, Elmer S. Case, Edgar L. Cooper, Arthur Osterholm, James T. Fullerton, Charles H. Cooley, George E. Gill, John J. Seidscheck, Harry H. Obermiller, Ernest H. Gager, Orville D. Parsons, William Jack Neely, Frank Z. Sweet, Edward A. Swanson, Hiram W. Ashman, John A. Anderberg, Daniel Bue, Carl M. Johnson, Oscar E. Wilson, Burt N. Pattee, Ralph Boyd, Joseph Curtis Peirce, Leonard Linley, Herman Englander, Frank Louis Baldwin, Anders Wennerberg, Charles Aloysious Gallagher, Leslie Thomas Larkins, William Mason Bowen, Robert Jackman, August G. Lochmuller, Lawrence Larkins, Charles Dirks, William L. Riedell, Arthur Scott, Harry R. Jenks, Harry D. Bellis, Otto F. Laula, Donald C. Price, Charles Bert Williams, Reginald G. Perkins, Fred Frederick Freitag, William Henry Twigg, Daniel Schuman, Robert Hall Clark, Henry Johnston Pinkston, Edwin Bloch Mayer, Charles Grant Robinson, Leigh M. Jenks, Carl Barr, William M. Deem, Joseph Clyde Brown, George Willis Hall, Maurice Gesundheit, Earnest Doane, Clyde Winfield Noble, Samuel Amsel, Isaac James Collins, Charles Henry Babb, Alfred Winfield Barron, Charles Fowler Beam, George Jacob Ullrich, Carl C. Baker, Francis Edward Duggan, Edward Ernest Miller, Albert Frederick Lemke, Henry Ruzin, Fred Charles Schwab, Bert Elmo Hunt, John Ralff, Charles Wesley Bellis, Alfred E. Dehnert, Rudolph Fehr, Ross O. Stiles, Edward Delano Bradley, Herbert Ernest Hillebrecht, Sidney Arthur Moore, Harry Conrad Happel, Benjamin Mills Hamling, Orville C. Lucas, William Edward Meyers, William Claude Stewart, Grant Judson Gray, Charles Lamb O'Key, Edward Lee Bowers, Ernest Lisle Hawes, Elmer Carlson, James Irving Stern, James B. Clinton, Herbert E. Osterholm, Frederick Bert Johnson, Howard John McGinn, Herbert Harold Minard, Mac Barnes McGonigle, Robert Dillman, Theodore Lawrence Stern, Everett Bell Fisher, Irving Edelson, Nathan Sargent Robinson, Emil Taussig, Harry Vickers, Adolph Paul Weber, Charles Weichselbaum, Benjamin Solomon Mesirow, Joseph Tiffin, Theodore John Lewis, Jim Gilbert Wambwell, Lucius Benton Holton, Gustav Blazek, Adolph Metzl, Sidney Daniel Zuckerman, Alexander Zeimer, Allen Baxter Stiles, Clive Hall Dye, Albert Ernest Sehlbach, Harry Heiss, Gilva Ray McClatchie, Lewis William Goldsbury, James Orason Boulton, Henry West-Brook Steele, Jacob Baron, James David Alexander, Durand Henneman, Axel Hoier, John Charles Sloop, Rudolph Gustav Joseph, John Wiltse, Edward Emil Frohlich, Jonathan Herrick Taylor, Norman Sven Birkland, Frank Houcek, James W. Birkland, Theron Thaddeus Chamberlain, Guerney E. Alzeno.

We recommend that a charter be granted this lodge as "Niagara Lodge, No. 992."

Leyden Lodge, U.D., Franklin Park, Cook County, Illinois.

A dispensation was issued for this lodge November 3, 1915, by Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master. This lodge was instituted November 3, 1915, by Bro. James A. Steven, D.D.G.M., for the Second District. The work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	37
Number elected	30
Number rejected	7
Number initiated	28
Number passed	27
Number raised	27
Number not acted on	none
Number named in dispensation	34
Number named in dispensation not signing petition for charter	8
Number signing petition for charter	53

Whose names are as follows:

Thomas Albright, A. O. Atherton, James Nelson Ames, Roderic Oliver Ameson, Roy Adema, Joseph Bell, Richard Irwin Bell, Adolph George Bosenberg, Arthur Elmore Coffman, Harold Earl Dodge, John Herbert Dart, John Ernest Debus, Albert Herman Dunteman, Richard John Draper, Roscoe Kenton Fife, Andrew Iovine Forest, John Funk, Harry Carl Franke, Julius Brown Grubbs, John Christian Grandt, Richard George Hawley, Arthur George Hebner, Ernest Edward Harwood, Edgar Wellington Hastings, William Clyde Johnson, Walter Leonard Joss, Henry George Kirchhoff, August Bernhard Kirchhoff, William Herman Kirchhoff, Herbert William Henry Kirchhoff, Fred Herman Kolze, William John Jacob Koenig, Bellett Lawson, Jr., Oscar Adolph Lundquist, Peter Andrew Larsen, Edward Henry Mahler, Donald Judson McDaniel, John Seymour McNett, Harold Henry Martens, John Adrian Newhouse, Klass William Pelsma, Charles Otto Rasmussen, Clarence Martin Rasmussen, Maurice Zimmer Sax, Wentzel William Shebeck, Carrol Adam Shephard, William John Smith, Thomas Henry Tiederman, Elmer Herman Tiederman, Arthur Theodore Tiederman, John Edward Tompkinson, John Wadsworth, Charles Herman Ziese.

We recommend that a charter be granted this lodge as "Leydon Lodge, No. 993."

True Blue Lodge, U.D., Chicago.

A dispensation was issued for this lodge December 9th, 1915, by Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master. This lodge was instituted December 9, 1915, by Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master.

The work of the lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	38
Number elected	34
Number rejected	4
Number initiated	31
Number passed	30
Number raised	29
Number not acted on	none
Number named in dispensation	54
Number named in dispensation not signing petition for charter	9
Number signing petition for charter	74

Whose names are as follows:

William Irving Shuman, Charles Caleb Smith, Geo. H. Lund, Royal George Albert Wheeler, Henry Edward Schoeneck, Harold Christophersen, Robert Jones, Oluf Hansen Bomberg, William John Cossiboin, Oscar Stanley Smith, Albert Peterson, Wilbur David Roberts, Frederick Vollmer, William Jacob Reichwein, Henry Charles Hale, Elmer Kleinsteiher, Peder Larsen, Julius Judsen, Henry C. Eckart, Conway Skillicorn, Louis Larson, Harold Emil Louis Marsch, Walter Christ Peisker, James R. Turner, Alexander Duguid, Jr., Francis Drake Robert, Aleck David Lundie, Axel Lundgren, Cyrus Hersell Hoggatt, Lon Hamilton Beall, Rupert Livingston Heater, George Ringler, Sidney Hicks, Clarence George Sturgis, Peter Hendrickman, Nicklos Iversen Frank, Norman Fritjof Petersen, Robert Arthur Garbutt, Wilbut Vogt Johnson, Louis William Seip, Arthur Martin Romme, Robert Richard Davies, Henry Sewett, Clarence Horn Mathison, Elmer Roy Clifton Willoughby, Elias Jones Roberts, James Charlton, Alvin Gustav Strchmeyer, Ferdinand Christensen, Cornelius P. F. Butler, Carl Thunboe, George Louis Tebo, Julius Johnson, Mirro Gordon Kibbe, George John Schantz, Walter J. Van Derslice, Albert H. Sheffield, Harry Avis Watson, Helge Nielsen, William Ewart Williams, Henry G. Senne, Edward Goettsche, Lambert Milz, Carl Fred Pardeck, Arthur E. Petterson, Theodore Tage Johnson, Franklyn Joseph Peitz, Samuel Fogel, Emanuel Abe Henry Meyers, Abraham Wellington Francis, William Noell Patterson, Herbert Carl Lindell, Andy Amundsen, John Amos Trowbridge.

We recommend that a charter be granted this lodge as "True Blue Lodge, No. 994."

Lawndale Lodge, U.D., Chicago.

A dispensation was issued for this lodge January 18th, 1916, by Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master. This lodge was instituted January 26th, 1916, by Nicholas E. Murray, D.D.G.M., for the Sixth District. The work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	77
Number elected	59
Number rejected	15
Number initiated	53
Number passed	52
Number raised	52
Number not acted on	3
Number named in dispensation	107
Number named in dispensation not signing petition for charter	none
Number signing petition for charter	159

Whose names are as follows:

Frank Charles Barta, Wenzel James Barta, Adolph Anton Bastar, Charles August Bitza, Jacob Cejka, Anton Joseph Cermak, Vladimir Emil Cerveny, Frank Chmelik, Joseph James Cizek, Frank James Dedic, August Frederick Denemark, William Anton Denk, Joseph Ladimir Donat, Frank John Fara, Frederick Joseph Fencl, Joseph Fred Fencl, Albert George Francl, Charles Hainz, Frank James Havlatko, Charles Hlava, Anton Holub, James Michael Honsik, Frank Joseph Horak, James Hrach, William Frank Hruby, Charles Hrudicka, Vaclav Jelinek, Frank Andrew Jirgl, James William Jordan, Richard John Kadlec, Conrad Harry Kammerer, George John Kaspar, Charles Kerner, Joseph Zdenek Klenha, Edward John Knaizl, Otto Frank Knaizl, Robert John Knaizl, Frank Joseph Kohout, James Benjamin Kolar, James Kolar, Joseph Kouba, Joseph John Koukol, Frank James Kozelka, William Peter Krapf, Frank Kratochvil, Charles Kriz, Charles Kuss, Frank Anton Kveton, James Liska, Rudolph Loula, Joseph Francis Lunak, Edward Jay Lusk, Joseph Edward Lusk, Bohumil Martinek, Otto Leon Matasek, Joseph Mattas, Joseph Mazac, Joseph James Michalec, Albert Thomas Mikes, Joseph Thomas Minarik, Ferdinand Frank Moravek, John Mracek, Sr., Bohumil Robert Mudra, Albert Novak, Jerry Otto Novak, Edward Joseph Novotny, Frank Odenbach, Jr., Emil John Paidar, Edward Joseph Panos, Anton Pecival, James Pihera, Joseph James Prusa, Alexander Cubbon Ramsay, Frank George Ratajik, Anton Joseph Razim, Joseph John Riha, James Henry Roth, John Frank Rousar, Adolph Rys, Frank Sebek, Jaroslav Sehnoutka, Charles Sidlo, Louis Solar, Joseph John Soukup, Emil Charles Sramek, Charles Casper Stadler, John James Stary, James Stepanek, Rudolph Stoklasa, Peter Straka, Edward Suchan, John Svec, Henry Swade, Frank Joseph Swec, John Tancl, Phillip Taraba, Frank

Charles Topinka, James Travnicek, John Benjamin Travnicek, Joseph Cabal Turek, Henry Frederick Tykal, Frank Joseph Uher, Charles Urbanek, Thomas Vonashek, Robert Vlastamil Wittner, Frank Charles Zunt, Charles John Bartik, Edward Francis Bartik, Jerry Joseph Bayna, Albert Cada, Edward Ludwig Chott, Hugo John Chott, James Dubsky, Frank Fiala, Rudolph Fiala, Vincent Formanek, Frank Haznedl, Charles William Horak, Otto Hrach, Lester Herbert Hynes, Joseph Jakes, John Frank Kadlec, John Kahoun, Hynek Frank Kaplan, Frank John Kasper, Frank John Kolar, Joseph Konicek, Albert Machacek, John James Morava, Edward Moticka, Anthony Muller, Joseph Ignatz Novak, Louis Panosh, Adolph Vaclav Pavlicek, James Frank Pavlicek, Anton Petr, Anton Polak, Jr., Anton Frank Prochaska, Joseph Prochaska, James William Prokop, James John Riedl, Joseph Roubik, Harley Frank Russell, Joseph Ignatz Schimek, Hilmar John Schmidt, Jerry Sedivy, Joseph Frank Sidlo, Joseph Sladek, Otto Slavik, Benjamin Soucek, Frank Souhrada, John Joe Stastny, Charles Suchan, Adolph Svoboda, Anton Toman, Jr., James Vackar, Charles Frank Weselak, James Zeman.

We recommend that a charter be granted this lodge as Lawndale Lodge No. 995.

Sunrise Lodge, U.D., Chicago.

A dispensation was issued for this lodge March 14, 1916, by Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master. This lodge was instituted March 20, 1916, by Bro. Richard E. Kropf, D.D.G.M., for the Third District. The work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	56
Number elected	40
Number rejected	8
Number initiated	37
Number passed	35
Number raised	35
Number not acted on	8
Number named in dispensation	80
Number named in dispensation not signing petition for charter	1
Number signing petition for charter	113

Whose names are as follows:

Edward Frank Wach, Charles Howard Shell, Sr., Arthur Oscar Wilson, Hawkeye E. Wright, William Henry White, Joseph Franklin Brown, Charles Frederick Hauth, Rufus Wesley Hardy, Marvin Hulen, Charles Henry Bowles, George Bernard Schulz, Harold Sheriff Muggeridge, Max Barnes, Thomas James Ott, Albert Carlton Johnson, Jeremiah James Fourney, Al-

phonso Schemerhorn, Loyd Allen Jessen, Albert James Robbins, Frank Leroy Silcox Kinch, John Atwater Hulit, Edward Ernest Newman, Alvin Irvin Whiteside, Charles Leslie Powell, Clinton Allen Martin, Edgar Clinton Perdue, Thomas Bertram Rankin, Simon Bralower, James Clifton Matthews, Frederick Richard Phelps, Carl Edwin Sandall, Clay Elmer Reynolds, Charles Jules Phelps, Fred Eugene Smith, Chester Embree Newlon, Peter Paul Nawrot, David Lewis, Harry Edwin Bennett, Austin Leonard Cox, Thomas Columbus Brandon, Forest Willard Whitehouse, Davis Isaac Phillips, William Henry Snyder, Elmer Alexander Tabler, Walter Logan Bivin, James Edmond Maddock, George McDonald McIntyre, Loren Edward Conrad, George Carl Raehn, John Nathan Brist, Oliver Forrest Wooton, Joseph Scott Drake, Charles Leslie Braun, Arthur Berney Lewis, Julius Adolphus Swingle, John William Dinkelacker, John Skinner McCurdy, Otto Green, Oliver Edward Beyler, Anthony Agostino Maina, John Sergeant Madden, Otto Dean Ensminger, Frank Justin Wheeler, Mathew Jay Meyers, Charles Douglas Matheson, James Charles Johnson, James Joseph Johnson, John Land, Charles Edward Mardiss, Arthur Gray Gambrill, Robert Caldwell Kirkwood, Easton Andrew Elliott, Arthur Slade, Frank Lee Flagg, Glenn Orlando Heath, Henry Peters Gifford, Roy Isaac Hardin, Walter Sylvester Austin, Robert Seigler, Harry Quincy Albaugh, Louis Alexander Ludwig, Thomas Hutchins Jordan, William Frank Jackson, Joseph Michael Skelly, John Junior Christoffel, Frank Joseph Nawrot, Daniel William Charles Becker, Thomas Davidson, Harry Raven Silverstein, Elmer Boyce Allen, Joseph William Walder, Eli Leskowitz, Norman Morley Telford, William Quambusch, Walter Hamlet Scott, Clare Allen Livingston, Joseph Finkelberg, Henry Hobert Hanson, Samuel Keizer, Byron Bayard Black, John Peter Bretschneider, Jackson Clifton Roberts, Theodor Emil Brandis, Lester Richard Ludlam, Samuel Rosenthal, Lewie Van Goodwill, George Todd Naylor, Albert Garfield Cooper, Raymond Daniel Lowry, Clarence Ira Thompson, Frank James Daley, William Wallace Davison, Walter Terry Goostree.

We recommend that a charter be granted this lodge as Sunrise Lodge No. 996.

Integrity Lodge, U.D., Chicago.

A dispensation was issued for this lodge April 3rd, 1916, by Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master. This lodge was instituted April 5th, 1916, by Bro. Robert N. Holt, D.D.G.M. for the First District. The work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	39
Number elected	35
Number rejected	none
Number initiated	35
Number passed	32

Number raised	32
Number not acted on	4
Number named in dispensation	111
Number named in dispensation not signing petition for charter	5
Number signing petition for charter	138

Whose names are as follows:

Phillip Carey Vaughan, Charles Grant Hendricks, Thomas Almond Bartlett, Harry Gerke, Edward John Hartwick, Wilbur Isworth Cox, James Fred Hartwick, William Albert Iden, George Alexander Leebody, Fred Emil Otto Rosin, Clifford John Wilson, Casper Clarence Shimp, Lambert August Fredericks, Herbert Roy Owen, George Downey Ihling, Leon M. Grinnell, Albert Fred Ossman, Thomas Drury Milne, Jacob Lewis Klein, William Frank Netwig, William Parke Todd, William Steiff, Michael James Walsh, John Martin Hoefke, William Andrew Wolschlag, Henry Charles Shultz, Charles Herrman Kastner, Edward Phillip Roarty, John Jacob Trietz, Max Frederick Vollmar, William George Nothacker, James Alfred Davidson Gastrix, George Mark Reinboldt, Harry James Thompson, Fritz Lewis Roderwald, Andrew Moller, Edward Casper Wang, Herbert Franklin Ackley, Harry J. Croston, William Prenzler, William David Hofsaes, Jr., Clark John Roarty, Svein Vinje, Otto A. Gerstung, Robert Emerson Van Sickel, Eppa M. Fleming, George Charles Kopp, John Mathias Kaiser, Henry Pedersen, Harold Petersen, William Henry Gleason, Terrence Oliver Olson, Thomas Emmett Coyne, Fred Daniel Sowles, Lawrence Mundorff, Edward Jerome Van Sickel, Albert John Sachse, Albert Herskind, Samuel Stadola, Ira August William Schmidt, Francis Mortimer Kitzing, Mathew Aldrich, Gustave Edward Gerstung, Frank Percy Clucas, John Leonard Renberg, Allen C. Renberg, William G. Eich, Charles Boussemaere, Filex Joseph Robin, Walter Milton Hall, Arthur James Dempsey, Gustav Petzel, David Gordon Braithwaite, Arthur Charles Balke, Clarence Victor Johnson, William Bader, William Frederick Lange, Edward Herbert Nordlie, William Spencer Northen, Rixford Thedor Eddry, William Kenneth Ellington, Michael Gluckman, William Jacob Miehle, William Hanson Nesbitt, Benjamin Scherpe, Oscar Scherpe, Edgar Wesley McBride, William Emil Renich, William John Robinson, Charles Edward Birr, Oscar Sigel, Calvin Wesley Howe, James Washington Bennett, Edward Frederick Schauf, Frank Albert Fassler, Sabin Fremont Lee, Victor Lawrence Lee, John H. Huhn, Royal F. Huhn, Samuel Maling, Frederick Joseph Rees, Carlin Lem Slater, Roy Albert Marshall, Clarence Irving Hibbeler, Walter Charles Dempsey, Arnold Herman Schneider.

We recommend a charter be granted this lodge as Integrity Lodge No. 997.

Paul Revere Lodge, U.D., Chicago.

A dispensation was issued for this lodge April 20, 1916, by Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master. This lodge was instituted April 20, 1916, by Bro. Joseph J. Shaw, D.D.G.M. for the Fifth District. The work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	40
Number elected	34
Number rejected	2
Number initiated	31
Number passed	31
Number raised	31
Number not acted on	4
Number named in dispensation	96
Number named in dispensation not signing petition for charter	1
Number signing petition for charter	126

Whose names are as follows:

Arthur Randolph Atkinson, Edward Holbrook Ashley, Clark Finney Austin, Joseph Lawrence Anderson, James Gordon Bennett, Charles Benjamin Burt, William Charles Burmester, Harry Wolfe Bowers, Conrad Bolli, Frank Wellington Booth, John William Berkhausen, Frank Richard Belz, De Witt Clinton Becker, John Newton Barbee, Francis Elmore Baldwin, Frederick William Bainbridge, Robert Millen Babbitt, Edward William Brunck, Alexander Lewis Brodie, George Milton Breckenridge, Harry Bradford, Milton Walter Counter, John Wesley Cushing, James Henry Cross, Henry Harrison Cross, William Joseph Cramer, Mackey Redmond Condon, Josiah W. Clegg, Robert Rollo Clegg, Edward Norman Clasen, Clifton Clark Coldren, Albert Duce, Harry Benedict Elliott, Ernest Arthur Edkins, Friend Richard Eccles, Edward John Exter, Arthur Crowley Fenton, Albert Nathan Fries, Preston Graham Findlay, Herbert Alva Fife, Elbert Farber, Carl Johan Gleerup, Donald Inkerman Graham, Tom Jackson Garrison, Charles Edward Gauer, Albert Arthur Halfen, Willard Earl Ham, Harry Flemming Hamlin, William Edgar Harris, Harold Sinclair Hayward, James Royster Helm, Clarence John Heller, Frederick Newton Hicks, James Martin Hillcoat, Rolland Martin Hollock, Charles Christian Holter, Edwin Marcellus Holter, Roscoe Raymond Howard, Charles James Hughes, Walter Sawyer Hutchins, Walter Abraham Iverson, John Barnett Jackson, Harry Leonard Johnson, John Oscar Karstrom, Charles Aaron King, James Joseph Kirk, George Julian Kolkow, Ralph Ernest Lawlor, William Benjamin Le Wald, Philip Lewis Livingston, Victor Charles Lord, Walter Clifton Lothrop, Theodore Edwin Loehr, John Sigurd Meck, Fred Howard Martin, Jr., John Andrew Massen, Manuel Laurence Matson, James Robert Moor, Otto Mun-

zer, Joseph John Noelle, Selah Hawley North, Richard Taylor Ogelsby, David Nathaniel Olson, B. Beecher Osborne, James Albert Peterson, Edwin Sheppard Philpot, Frank Moss Polhamius, Robert Lenox Powell, George Robert Puffer, John Quincy Puffer, Harold Austin Raymond, Herbert Wilton Raymond, Everett Whipple Roberts, Leon Walter Robinson, Lawrence Howard Roblee, Burt Leopold Roetter, Elmer William Roetter, Philbert Milton Russell, Montague Richard Sanderson, Richard Julius Schweitzer, George King Severn, Ferdinand Hulburt Scharrf, Edward Scovell (Deceased), Harry Elmo Shifflett, Alfred Wesley Sims, Charles Hayden Smith, Carey Urban Snyder, Franklin Harris Spencer, Ernest W. Spicer, Harry Elmer Sprague, Albert Ernest Stern, Russell Thurston Stern, Columbus Earl Stern, Humphrey Dillon Tate, Andrew Shining Thomas, Alexander P. Thoms, Nils Tuveson, Adolph George Voss, William McCurdy Wells, Julius Werder, Frank William Werner, Milton Thomas Wetmore, James Porter Whedon, Walter Raymond White, James Rupert Wolfenden, John Herbert Youngblood.

We recommend that a charter be granted this lodge as Paul Revere Lodge No. 998.

MORGAN PARK LODGE, U.D., Chicago.

A dispensation was issued for this lodge April 20, 1916, by Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler. This lodge was instituted May 19th, 1916, by Bro. Claude R. Grover, D.D.G.M. for the Fourth District. The work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	23
Number elected	20
Number rejected	1
Number initiated	20
Number passed	11
Number raised	8
Number not acted on	2
Number named in dispensation	116
Number named in dispensation not signing petition for charter	1
Number signing petition for charter	122

Whose names are as follows:

Hiram E. Heil, Wm. R. Chapman, Franklin B. Clemmer, Robert W. Daniels, Gottlieb F. Maurer, Andrew M. Anderson, Paul C. Clashagen, Charles P. Polacher, Robert Wilson Nichols, James F. Stewart, Samuel F. Jour, O. B. Martin, D. D. Williams, Wm. Donald McLean, Stuart M. Murdock, Archibald G. Shaver, Charles Jay Tresler, Robert Freeman Wilde, Charles George Blake, F. A. Gantt, James R. Welsh, Robert Winkley, Rob-

ert Colfax Smith, Gustav Frederick Henneberg, Howard Goff, Don Francisco Forbes, Charles Burton Richardson, Elsberry Washington Reynolds, Charles Bruce Pratt, George Almon Winslow, James P. Smith, Frank Donnelly, Willard J. Henry, James Donald Garrett, Le Roy S. Young, John H. Miller, C. A. Pervier, Clinton M. Ladd, Eric Trebsch, Robert P. Shimmin, Fritz Balzer, C. F. Schroeder, Chas. W. Johnson, Frank M. Specht, Charles F. Eldredge, Hartley C. Laycock, O. A. Bailey, Richard Lavery, Wm. M. T. Sherwood, Enoch P. Stevens, Frederick W. Turner, Walter C. Bleloch, Henry P. Heizer, Thomas Mitchell, Jacob Kammerman, Gair Tourtellot, Rawley S. Handbury, George B. Ritsch, Arthur J. Buffington, G. Adam Reichert, F. S. Ketcham, Wm. J. Garrett, Arthur J. Rich, Edward M. Lindahl, Martin L. Canode, Victor E. Cole, John S. Templeton, Chas. L. Tooker, Robert W. Gibson, Thos. J. Coster, Frank Benjamin Todd, Andrew Oscar Novander, George S. Bradley, Orlo E. Blew, Elmo M. Farrell, Wm. H. German, Ellsworth L. Dare, G. E. Norberg, J. M. Chaplin, N. E. Weinschank, C. P. Hulls, Edward T. Clissold, Chas. B. Goldsmith, Edwin Stephen Libby, Richard S. Beardsley, Harry E. Rilley, Chas. M. Gray, Dennis J. Kennedy, John Henry Heil, George Abner Ketcham, Edwin W. Webb, Gustav Emil Lindahl, Hayden Robinson, E. C. Sturges, R. C. Gault, Barkley Kane, John D. Ruthven, C. F. Heckman, C. W. Mackenroth, Irving Herriott, Nicholas Trivess, Wm. H. Weideman, A. T. Plant, Charles Smith, H. E. Gresham, Dennis Dougherty, Chas. E. Burns, W. H. Abbey, Harry T. Stevenson, John J. Hamilton, P. D. Diamond, Nelson W. Coe, Chas. H. Gibbs, Harvey J. Hallett, Frank A. Vincent, Chas. Courtland Smith, George L. Stebbins, Charles E. Betscher, Joseph F. Moeller, Alphonse C. Ker, James A. Wagland, E. C. Evarts, Chas. H. Canode.

We recommend that a charter be granted this lodge as Morgan Park Lodge No. 999.

Baylis Lodge, U.D., Baylis, Pike County, Illinois.

A dispensation was issued for this lodge May 25th, 1916, by Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master. This lodge was instituted June 14th, 1916, by Bro. R. D. Plattner, D.D.G.M. for the Thirty-second District. The work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	5
Number elected	4
Number rejected	none
Number initiated	4
Number passed	4
Number raised	4
Number not acted on	1
Number named in dispensation	33

Number named in dispensation not signing petition for charter..... 1
Number signing petition for charter..... 36

Whose names are as follows:

L. S. Clark, F. M. Powell, R. E. Grammer, S. F. Haines, H. N. Edom, Geo. Fitzpatrick, L. J. Owings, L. M. Freman, W. W. Hooper, H. L. Holmes, James Jeffers, Walter Sykes, Melvin Tipsord, Abraham Henthorn, J. W. Musgrave, Hugh Davidson, John B. Follett, A. M. Zimmerman, James T. Glasgow, S. M. Ramsey, J. O. Clarkson, M. C. McCarter, J. M. Witham, W. T. Bubb, Harry Hill, W. R. Wilson, Robert White, R. H. Sykes, M. R. Sykes, Morris Grammer, Webber Grammer, R. W. Rounds, A. O. Cory, Geo. E. Fish, A. R. Grammer, C. A. White.

We recommend a charter be granted this lodge as Baylis Lodge No. 1000.

Wayfarers Lodge, U.D., Evanston, Cook County, Illinois.

A dispensation was issued for this lodge on July 5th, 1916, by Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master. This lodge was instituted on July 5th, 1916, by Bro. Robert N. Holt, D.D.G.M. for the First District. The work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received..... 18
Number elected 10
Number rejected 2
Number initiated 9
Number passed 4
Number raised 4
Number not acted on..... 6
Number named in dispensation.....75
Number named in dispensation not signing petition for charter..... 2
Number signing petition for charter..... 77

Whose names are as follows:

George Francis Melick Tyson, George Francis Baker, Edwin Grey Gross, George Washington Carman, Carl Merritt Cooley, Abram Milne Ramsay, Theodore Schuermann, Charles Kawin, Frederick Laird Kerr, Ernest Howard Merchant, George Robert Lemmer, William Arthur Cavauagh, Charles Kenneth Thomson, Frederick Otto Streich, Charles Sumner Harris, William Percy Gunthorp, Harry Walter Thorp, David Tilt, Victor Gillette Lumbard, William Henry Becker, James MacDonald Fraser, John Paul Trickey, Frank Orma Beck, Maynard Dawson Howell, William Dalzell Dickson, Charles Robert Aiken, Arthur Windfield Copeland, William Dale Barnes, Arnold

William Hoffmann, Leland Alvadore Gilbert, John Peter Moos, Andrew Gordon Fraser, Horace Edward Bent, Henry Adolph Apps, Thomas Speer Roberts, Lester Soule, Walter Valentine Wilson, Simeon Carl Cecil Smith, Earl Wilson De Moe, Samuel Aultaman Poe, Earl John Brown, James Richards Parker, Glenn Rogers Frisbie, Roger Corr Frisbie, Peter Roland Shoemaker, Frank Edwin Leffingwell, Donald Walter Gunthorp, Harry Putnam Pearsons, George Bulman Coover, Walter Elmer Pond, Arthur Davis, Delbert Oscar Sprague, James Edward Dolson, Robert E. Thayer, Thomas Joseph Williams, Robert C. Knaggs, David R. Hopkins, Ernest Wilder Hewitt, Frank Cole Thomas, Voorhis Haight, Jr., Ira Benson Sellery, George H. Coleman, George H. Scurlock, John Adank, Edgar G. Richards, Thomas Shearer, Bert F. Crawford, William Carleton Wilson, William McDougall, George H. Bigelow, Henry Gough Bell, John F. Stafford, Albert Edward Bassett, J. DeWitt Murphy, Edward William Lloyd, Elwyn William Seymour, Walter J. Gunthorp.

We recommend that a charter be granted this lodge as "Wayfarers Lodge No. 1001."

Portage Park Lodge, U.D., Chicago.

A dispensation was issued for this lodge on July 19, 1916, by Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master. This lodge was instituted on July 19, 1916, by Bro. James A. Steven, D.D.G.M. for the second District. The work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	14
Number elected	7
Number rejected	1
Number initiated	7
Number passed	6
Number raised	6
Number not acted on	6
Number named in dispensation	83
Number named in dispensation not signing petition for charter	none
Number signing petition for charter	89

Whose names are as follows:

George Washington Roarty, Joseph Frederick Frey, Arthur Hugo Lambrecht, Alexander McIntosh Stuart, Oscar Fred Henry Von Werder, Julius Henry Rentsch, Charles Webster Atchison, Arthur John Kuester, Chester Reuben Lowell, Harry Alfred Dinkelman, Frank Zimmerman, Torval Nelson, Charles Warner Howe, Edward Everett Britton, George De Nier Haines, Charles Michels, Henry Scholz, Frederick Andrew Wahlfert, John Alexander Patterson, Gustav Charles Kasten, Charles Emil Laib, Otto Arthur Laibly,

Magnus Andrew Unseth, Max Jahuda Stern, Albert Henry Koelle, Charles Herman Krebs, Louis Albert Peters, Arthur Watson Dickinson, George Lafayette Rogers, Jacob Michels, Adolph Frank Larsen, Samuel Douglas Arnstein, Solomon Perry Starr, Jeremiah James Reedy, Walter William Weber, Arthur Thompson, William John Skalin, Herman Frederick Kloock, Carl Edward Johnson, Henry Sofus Andersen, Emil Henry Bengson, Richard John Brett, Albert Frank Haas, Frank MacKenzie Cathcart, Edward Harry Marvin, George Henry Haas, Carl August Nystrom, Clarence Wilber Trick, James Alonzo Nichols, Arthur Bert Schrader, Edward Charles Poehler, Victor Petersen, William Edward O'Morrow, Marshall Anda, Edward Halbor Olson, Fred Becker, Roy George Rogers, Harry Herbert Baldwin, William Charles Conant, Charles Harold Calvin, Harry William Schmidt, William Gibson Anderson, George Henry Peters, William Charles Gohde, Walter John Lippert, George Hart Fristoe, William Raymond Hawkins, Clarence Gilbert Hawkins, Richard Herman Nehls, Harry Ray Sator, Thomas George Harvatt, Mitchell Henry Sator, Frank Kollath, William Elmer Deans, William Murray Edger, George Thomas Hicks, Edward Bartholmae Seeber, Henry Herman Larson, James Jacob Lake, Henry Justus Wieland, Edwin Max Schmidt, John Corbett Parker, William Aurelius, James John Orna, Benjamin Edward Stanford, Raymond De Mar Handley, Elmer Washburne Berg, Harold Charles Bogardus, Robert Edward Harrison.

We recommend that a charter be granted this lodge as Portage Park Lodge No. 1002.

In regard to the proposed lodge at Hurst, Illinois, your committee having examined the papers and considered the reports and recommendations of Brother D. D. Fitzgerrell, Senior Grand Warden, Brother Gordon Pillow, District Deputy Grand Master for the Forty-eighth District, and also the report of the special committee appointed to make the investigation, we concur in the recommendation made by Brother Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master, that the brethren who desire to form a proposed lodge at Hurst, Illinois, be granted a dispensation.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT JAMPOLIS,
JOHN JOHNSTON,
B. A. COTTLOW,
HARRY L. BROWNING,
DELBERT I. DUCK,
Committee.

At 12:30 o'clock the Deputy Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, A. D. 1916, A. L. 5916
9:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Deputy Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock A. M., after which the Grand Master took the East.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was presented:

Whereas, In certain localities public dances, picnics and other entertainments with objectionable features have been advertised to the public as Masonic, whereby the name of Masonry has been brought into disrepute, therefore, be it

Resolved That it shall be deemed unlawful for any member of a lodge of Masons in Illinois to be a member of any organization that uses the name of Masonry, the name of any lodge, or in any way identifies Masonry with public entertainments, unless the same be under the direct control and management of some lodge of Masons.

Resolved, That the violation of this resolution shall be deemed a Masonic offense and shall subject the offender to Masonic discipline.

It was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report next year.

REPORT—Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

This committee presented their report in detail, which was adopted. The same will be found in the Appendix.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED.

The following amendments to the Code were presented. Each of the proposed amendments was seconded by the representatives of more than twenty lodges. They were referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Amend Code 965 to read as follows:

965. No Lodge shall use any portion of its funds to establish or maintain or to assist in establishing or maintaining any club room or place in which any games are played or amusements provided, except that this prohibition should not apply to reading rooms, but no such reading rooms shall be opened or lighted on any evening when the Lodge or any body of Masons holds a meeting in the same building in which such reading room is located.

Amend Code 717 to read as follows:

717. No Mason shall use or be a party to the using of the word "Masonic" as a part of the style and title or designation of any business firm, concern, company, association, or enterprise whatever; unless such business shall be the printing or publication of Masonic books, papers, or periodicals or the manufacture and sale of Masonic supplies, or unless it be a cemetery or burial association, temple association, hospital, employment bureau, insurance company, or relief association conducted wholly by Masons and only for the use and benefit of Masons or Masonry.

Amend Code 717 to read as follows:

177. No Mason shall use or be a party to the using, of the word Masonic as a part of the style and title or designation of any business firm, concern, company, association or enterprise whatever whether for profit or otherwise, unless such business shall be the printing or publishing of Masonic books, papers or periodicals or the manufacture and sale of Masonic supplies, nor shall any of the provisions of this or of Code numbers 715 and 716 be held to apply to any association, corporation, concern or business enterprise in existence and lawfully conducting their respective activities prior to the adoption of this and said several sections of this Code, at the session of this Grand Lodge in the year A. D. 1904, nor shall any of the prohibitions of any of such sections apply to any association or organization of Masons in this state, formed for the purpose of Masonic relief, nor to any Masonic hospital, burial or temple association, building association or employment bureau, whose membership is wholly composed of Masons and whose activities are directed for the benefit and welfare of Freemasonry or of Masons.

REPORT—Committee on Correspondence.

Bro. Charles H. Martin presented the following special report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the matter of the protest signed by Mr. Teodoro Kalaw and Mr. Ramon Men-

doza, and purporting to be the protest of the "Grand Regional Lodge of the Philippine Islands No. 2," against the regular Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of the Philippine Islands, having carefully considered the same, respectfully and fraternally recommends the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is hereby declared to be the sense of this Grand Lodge that the protest of the Grand Regional Lodge of the Philippine Islands No. 2 presents no matter of fact, or of Masonic law or usage which should disturb the existing fraternal relations between this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and the regular Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

The report and the resolution accompanying were adopted.

The Grand Master asked permission to appoint an assistant Grand Tyler, which was granted.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was presented. It was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report next year.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge views with decided disfavor a growing custom of unduly and persistently soliciting Masons to buy tickets to picnics, entertainments and other amusements for profit, and for advertisements in programs of such, unless such shall first be submitted to and approved by the M. W. Grand Master.

REPORT—Committee on Legislation.

The Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the changes in the Constitution and By-Laws suggested in the Grand Master's Report, submitted the following amendments. The proposed amendments to the By-Laws were seconded by representatives of more than twenty lodges and lie over until next year. The proposed amendment to the Constitution was seconded by a majority vote of the Grand Lodge and will go out to the lodges.

Amend Code number 53, being of the Constitution, so that the same shall read as follows:

53. The Grand Lodge may establish a mileage and per diem rate for its officers, the representative highest in rank from each lodge, and its standing committees, for attendance at Grand Lodge, not exceeding five cents per mile each way, and two dollars per day, excepting that members of committees and Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Senior Grand Wardens and Past Junior Grand Wardens of this Grand Lodge shall be paid five dollars per day for each day's attendance upon the duties of their respective committees or upon the Grand Lodge.

Amend Code number 141, so that the same shall read as follows:

141. The salary of the Grand Treasurer shall be $1,500.00 per annum, which shall be in full compensation for all his official services.

Amend paragraph E. of Code number 218, so as to read as follows:

E. For each member of every chartered lodge under this jurisdiction, one dollar annually.

Amend paragraph F. of Code number 218, so as to read as follows:

F. For every Master Mason whose name is upon the roll of any lodge under dispensation, and who is not a member of some chartered lodge in this jurisdiction, one dollar annually, the same to be paid by such lodge under dispensation.

Amend Code number 243, so as to read as follows:

243. The Grand officers designated in Code number 14, page 21, as shall be present and shall be members of constituent lodges in Illinois (provided that if any such permanent member in attendance on the session of the Grand Lodge be at the time a sojourner outside of Illinois, his mileage shall be computed from the location of his lodge), each member of a standing committee, and one representative (the highest in rank) from each lodge under this jurisdiction shall be allowed five cents per mile going and

returning, for every mile traveled from the location of his lodge, to be computed by the necessarily traveled route, and (except the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary) two dollars per day for each day's attendance on the Grand Lodge. Members of committees of this Grand Lodge and Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past Senior and Junior Grand Wardens shall be paid five dollars per day for each day's attendance upon the duties of such committees or upon the Grand Lodge. No one shall receive mileage or per diem in more than one capacity.

Amend Code number 423 so that the same shall read as follows:

423. No Mason shall be an actual member of more than one chartered lodge at the same time, provided that a lodge may by unanimous ballot confer Honorary membership, upon any Master Mason, who is a member in good standing of some other regular lodge, his name having been proposed at a previous stated meeting. Such honorary member shall have the rights of regular membership, except that he shall not be subject to the payment of dues, nor shall he vote or hold office in such lodge.

Amend Code 606, so that the same shall read as follows:

606. When a brother desires to change his membership from his lodge to another lodge, he shall give his lodge notice thereof in writing. This notice shall be read in open lodge at a stated meeting and lie over till the next or some subsequent stated meeting, when if there are no formal charges against him and his dues are paid four months in advance, the secretary shall issue to him a certificate under seal of the lodge showing that the dues have been paid as aforesaid and stating for what purpose the certificate is issued. This certificate may be deposited with his petition in the lodge he wishes to join at any time within two months of its date and be treated as the necessary documentary evidence to accompany a petition for affiliation. If he is elected to membership in the petitioned lodge the secretary thereof shall immediately notify the first lodge, and the petitioner's membership therein shall cease from the time such notice is received. If favorable action is not taken within four months from the date of the certificate the petitioner shall still be a member of the original lodge and chargeable with dues therein. Nothing in this section shall operate to change the law regarding dimits or affiliation thereon. The certificate to be issued under this section shall give or have endorsed thereon the date and place of the holder's birth, and the date of his election, initiation, passing and raising, as well as the name and number of the lodge doing the work, and of the lodge issuing such certificate.

Amend Code 321, so that the same shall read, as follows

321. Smoking in open lodge is prohibited, and the Master is responsible for the strict enforcement of this by-law.

Amend Code number 350, so that the same shall read as follows:

350. The Master may call a special meeting of the lodge for work at any hall within its jurisdiction other than the usual place of meeting, by giving due notice to the resident members but no such special meeting may be called at any place outside of the city or village in which the lodge is chartered and customarily holds its meetings.

Amend Code by inserting therein Code number 351, the same to read as follows:

351. A lodge may change its place of meeting from one place to another place in the same city or village without procuring the consent of any other lodge. Such change may be authorized by a majority vote of all members present at a stated meeting of the lodge in the following manner. A resolution in writing that such change be made, designating the place to which such meeting place shall be changed, shall be offered to the lodge at any stated meeting. Said resolution shall lie over for consideration until the next stated meeting of the lodge. All members of the lodge shall be notified by mail that such resolution will be disposed of at the next stated meeting and such notice shall be sent at least five days before such next stated meeting.

Amend Code by adding thereto a section to be numbered 876 as follows:

876. In all cases when charges against a brother have been accepted by the lodge, the secretary of the lodge shall at once send to the Grand Master a copy of such charges and specifications, and of the action of the lodge in accepting such charges and in ordering the accused brother to be put on trial.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER H. BELL,
ELMER D. BROTHERS,
JAMES K. LAMBERT,
Committee.

REPORT—Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials presented a detailed report, which was adopted. A summary is printed here and the detail in the Appendix.

SUMMARY.

Grand Officers	20
Past Grand Officers not otherwise enumerated	3
Representatives of other Grand Lodges	40
District Deputy Grand Masters	50
Representatives of lodges	1026
Members of Committees	79
Total	1218
Number of lodges represented	797
Number of lodges not represented	40

RESOLUTION.

Bro. Robt. J. Daly offered the following resolution:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Whereas, on September 18, 1915, in the Circuit Court of Cook County of Illinois, Judge Jesse A. Baldwin denied the injunction restraining the Board of Education of School District No. 102 of Cook County, from ejecting the children of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home from the public schools of La Grange. Following the instructions of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of 1912, the case has been appealed to the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, and,

Whereas, the Board of Education of School District No. 102 is now demanding an immediate arrangement guaranteeing the payment of the tuition of the children pending and subject to the decision of the said Supreme Court:—

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Masonic Homes, be, and are hereby authorized and empowered to make such arrangements as will guarantee that the education of the children of our Orphans' Home shall continue without interruption.

Bro. Alexander H. Bell moved that the resolution be adopted, and in addition that the Grand Master and Board

of Managers be instructed to stand by this law suit through all the courts of Illinois. It was adopted.

[Since the close of Grand Lodge the following decision has been handed down by the Supreme Court of Illinois:]

Herbert Ashley *et al.* Appellants,
v. The Board of Education *et al.* Appellees.

Mr. Justice Dunn delivered the opinion of the court:

The appellants are seventy-nine children between the ages of six and fifteen years, inmates of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home situated in LaGrange, Illinois, and within school district No. 102, in the county of Cook, who filed a bill in the circuit court of Cook county against the board of education of the school district, its president and members and the principal of the schools, to enjoin them from excluding the appellants from the schools of the district unless the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home would pay tuition for them, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the board of education. The court sustained a demurrer to the bill and dismissed the bill for want of equity.

It appears from the bill that the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, which is the owner of real estate in district No. 102, and has maintained on its said real estate a home for the support, care and custody of minor children between the ages of three years and fifteen years, the children of Master Masons, members of the Order of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Illinois, who have been committed to its care; that each of the appellants has no other home and lives and resides permanently in the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home; that each of them has no money, property or other means of support and no parents or relatives able to give them the maintenance and care necessary for children of their ages, though in some instances one of the parents is living and in some both are living but the father is insane or in prison or has disappeared, but they are all provided a home, food, clothing and care in the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home at LaGrange by the trustees of said home, to which they have been voluntarily committed for the purpose of securing a home and the care and attention they require for their rearing and well being, their parents or other relatives or guardians having voluntarily surrendered the care, custody and control of the appellants to the home, where the appellants must remain under the control thereof, the parents, relatives or guardians of the appellants having so consented, until they are disposed of under the rules for the conduct and operation of such home, and they have not been sent there and are not there for the sole purpose of attending the public schools maintained in that

school district under the laws of the State of Illinois. Before March 20, 1911, the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home had been located in the city of Chicago, but the Masonic Grand Lodge purchased the property upon which the home at LaGrange was erected and constructed a building thereon designed as a home for the children of Masons in the State of Illinois similarly situated to the appellants, having a capacity for accommodating about one hundred children, and on or about that date many of the appellants were taken from the home in Chicago to the home in LaGrange. Many of the appellants were residents of the county of Cook before their admission to the home, and all of them, as well as their parents, were residents of the State of Illinois. Upon the removal of the home from Chicago to LaGrange the inmates were admitted to the public schools of the school district without the payment of tuition or any demand therefor, and others who subsequently became inmates were also admitted to the schools in the same way and attended the schools without objection on the part of the school authorities until January 24, 1912, when the president of the board of trustees of the home was notified by the secretary of the board of education of the passage of a resolution by that board that after February 1, 1912, the trustees would be required to pay tuition at the rate of $35.08 per annum for each pupil attending the schools from the home, less the proportionate share of the school taxes paid by the home. The tuition not having been paid on March 7, 1913, the secretary of the board of education notified the president and trustees of the home that unless payment or provision for payment were made before March 24, 1913, the children from the home would be excluded from the schools.

The appeal is brought directly to this court because the appellants insist that the resolution of the school board is a violation of the right of the appellant to free admission to the public schools under the constitutional provision which requires the General Assembly to provide a thorough and efficient system of free schools whereby all children of the State may receive a good common school education.

Among the duties imposed upon school directors by the statute they are required "to establish and keep in operation for at least seven months in each year, and longer if practicable, a sufficient number of free schools for the accommodation of all persons in the district over the age of six and under twenty-one years and to secure for all such persons the right and opportunity to an equal education in such schools." (Hurd's Stat. 1916, sec. 114, p. 2366.) The same obligation rests upon boards of education. (Hurd's Stat. 1916, sec. 127, p. 2370.) The appellees insist that only residents of the school district are entitled to the benefit of the schools without the payment of tuition; that the appellants are minors, who cannot voluntarily change their place of residence, and that their legal residence and domicile is in the place where their parents reside; that they are

entitled to attend schools in district No. 102 only upon being transferred to such schools, in the manner authorized by law, from the district in which they reside, with the consent of the directors of both districts. On the other hand, the appellants contend that they are *bona fide* residents of district No. 102, and entitled, under the law, to attend the public schools.

It is not essential to the right of a child to attend the public schools of the State that it should have a legal domicile in the place in which the school is held. The schools are required to be maintained for all persons in the district over the age of six and under twenty-one years of age. The residence required under this language is not such as would be required to establish a right to vote or which would fix the liability of a township or county for the support of a pauper. The right to attend school is not limited to the place of the legal domicile. A residence, even for a temporary purpose, in a school district is sufficient to entitle children of school age to attend school. A man may leave his home for a temporary purpose, and, according as the exigencies of his interests or his business or his public or private employment require or his pleasure dictates, may reside for a longer or shorter time in a different part of the State. He does not thereby lose his legal domicile or his right to vote there at elections. Should he become a public charge the town or county of his legal domicile would be liable for his support. His children, however, would not be obliged to attend school in the district of his domicile. Within the meaning of the School law they would be in the district of his temporary residence and entitled to attend school without the payment of tuition and without any transfer from the district of his domicile. The only requirement, so far as residence is concerned, is dwelling in the school district. Every child of school age in the State is entitled to attend the public school in the district in which it actually resides for the time being, whether that be the place of its legal domicile or the legal domicile of its parents or guardian, or not. This has always been the view which has been held, so far as we are informed, by those charged with the administration of the School law. In Bateman's Common School Decisions (ed. of 1890, p. 135,) it is said: "As a general rule, the residence of parents is the residence of their children. Boarding children in a district does not, of itself, entitle them to the benefits of the free school in said district. The mere temporary residence of a family in a district, solely to enjoy the benefits of the free schools and with the intention of removal as soon as that purpose is accomplished, does not entitle the children to the privileges of said schools. The removal of a portion of a family from the legal domicile to another district in order to send to the free schools thereof does not confer the right to do so. As a general rule, the residence of their parents is the residence of employees; hence the privilege of the free schools in another district is not acquired by placing children temporarily at service in that district. This includes those who

are placed in families to attend school and do chore-work for their board, etc. The most liberal policy is, however, recommended toward this class of children. The State has as much interest in their education as in that of the more favored, and although not legally eligible to attend free, the directors should permit them to do so when not inconsistent with the rights of others and the welfare of the school. Children who have been apprenticed or adopted into a new family or who have been placed permanently in the care of others with no intention of withdrawal, or those over whom parents have relinquished all control from whatever cause, or those who have no parents or guardians or whose parents or guardians live in another State or country and exercise no control over their children, or those who have no permanent abode but go from place to place in search of employment and whose only home is where they find work,—the children included in all the above classes are to be enumerated in the district where they live and are entitled to all the rights and benefits of the free schools in said district.''

The appellants are all actual residents of school district No. 102 in the ordinary and popular meaning of that term. They have no other home. They have lived there for some time with the intention of remaining indefinitely and have no present intention of going elsewhere. They were delivered by their parents or relatives or persons having their actual custody to the care of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home for the purpose of providing for their maintenance and rearing in the place where that home is located until they attained the age of fifteen years, and there is no present intention on the part of anybody having any authority or control over the minors that this residence should be changed. In the case of poor persons it is frequently necessary, particularly when one of the parents is dead or disabled or for any reason cannot or will not assist in the support of his family, that homes shall be found for the children in places other than those where the parents reside, and under such circumstances the child is entitled to be enumerated among the school children and to attend the school in the district in which it actually resides, as a matter of right, not dependent upon the payment of tuition by the school district in which the parents reside or the consent of the directors of that school district or of the directors of the district in which such child actually resides. Cases have been cited from other States for and against this position. They are of little value in the determination of this question in the construction of our own statute.

The appellees insist that the bill was properly dismissed because of the misjoinder of the complainants. The right sought to be enforced by the bill is common to all the complainants. The order excluding them affects them all alike. Their claims are all governed by the same legal rule and involve similar facts. They were properly joined in the bill. (*City of Chicago* v. *Collins*, 175 Ill. 445.) *Mandamus* would not afford a complete and

adequate remedy at law. An action of *mandamus* could only be sustained after the board of education had excluded the appellants, for the purpose of requiring the board to re-instate them or permit them to return to the school. In the meantime, during the pendency of the suit, appellants would be deprived of the advantages of attendance on school,—a damage incapable of estimation at law and irreparable.

The decree of the circuit court will be reversed and the cause remanded, with directions to overrule the demurrer to the bill.

Reversed and remanded, with directions.

Bro. George E. Knepper, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, was introduced to the Grand Lodge by Bro. Delmar D. Darrah. Bro. Knepper responded briefly.

REPORT—Committee to Examine Visitors.

The Committee to Examine Visitors made the following report, and it was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

The Board of Grand Examiners respectfully report that they have examined all who have appeared before them and have vouched for them to the Grand Tyler. Fraternally submitted,

ANTHONY DOHERTY,
MAXWELL LEVY,
HENRY S. WILEY,
RICHARD C. DAVENPORT,
SPRUEL C. D. REA,
Committee.

REPORT—Grand Examiners.

The Board of Grand Examiners made the following special report. It was adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

The Board of Grand Examiners to which was referred that part of the Grand Master's address pertaining to District Schools, recommend that the Grand Lecturers, in order to have their commissions renewed, be re-

quired, to attend one state school of instruction and that no credit be given them for attendance at a district school.

Fraternally submitted,
ANTHONY DOHERTY,
MAXWELL LEVY,
HENRY S. WILEY,
RICHARD C. DAVENPORT,
SPRUEL C. D. REA,
Committee.

REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Secretary called the roll and the Grand Master presented and introduced representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

They were accorded grand honors.

Chester E. Allen.....Alabama
Monroe C. Crawford.....Arizona
Austin H. Scrogin.....Arkansas
Sylvester O. Spring.....Canada
Albert Roullier Colorado
S. S. Borden.....Cuba
D. G. Fitzgerrell.....Delaware
Leroy A. Goddard.....District of Columbia
Arthur E. Wood.....Georgia
Wm. B. Wright.....Indiana
Robert J. Daly.....Ireland
Geo. M. Moulton.....Kansas
Godfred Langhenry Louisiana
Amos Pettibone Maine
Hugh R. Stewart.....Manitoba
M. B. Iott.....Maryland
Joseph E. Dyas.....Michigan
Franklin S. Catlin.....Mississippi
G. A. Stadler.....Missouri
A. B. Ashley.....Montana
Albert Jampolis Nebraska
John C. Weis.....New Brunswick
H. E. Hamilton.....New Hampshire
Isaac Cutter New York
W. O. Butler.....New Zealand

Roy K. Wheeler.....Nova Scotia
Delmar D. Darrah.....Oklahoma
Frank E. Locke.....Oregon
Elmer D. Brothers.....Prince Edward Island
John Johnston Quebec
Jas. A. Steele.....Saskatchawan
Archibald Birse Scotland
Elmer E. Beach.....South Carolina
Harry W. Harvey.....Tasmania
Alexander H. Bell.....Tennessee
Henry T. Burnap.....Western Australia
John F. Campbell.....West Virginia
David D. King.....Wisconsin
Jason R. Lewis.....United Grand Lodge of Victoria
S. S. Borden.....Porto Rico

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

The following preamble and amendments to the Code was presented by Bro. E. R. Swanson of Granite City Lodge No. 877.

It having been seconded by the representatives of more than twenty lodges lies over until next year.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Whereas, at the present time a state of affairs exists in the laws of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, that permits a lowering of the high moral standard of conduct that is the ideal of all good Masons; and

Whereas, this causes the finger of scorn of the general public to be justly pointed at our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity; and

Whereas, a member of the Masonic Fraternity can, at the present time engage in the liquor business with impunity, by a due observance of the State's Civil Laws; therefore

Be it resolved, and motion is hereby made that the "By-Laws Relating to the Lodges" be amended in the following particulars, to-wit:

Amend Code 327 by the addition of the following paragraph:

B. Masons are prohibited from appearing in public drinking saloons in their Masonic clothing, and any Mason thus offending shall be disciplined.

Amend Code 447 by the addition of the following paragraph:

B. No lodge shall receive a petition for the degrees, or for affiliation from any person who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, either as distiller, brewer, brewery agent, wholesale liquor dealer or salesman for such dealer, saloon keeper or bartender.''

Amend Code 824 by the addition of the following paragraph:

B. Any Mason who may hereafter engage in any of the businesses prohibited in Section B of Code 447, page 88, shall be expelled.''

GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Secretary read the list of elected and appointed Grand Officers.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler.....*M.W. Grand Master*
Bro. Austin H. Scrogin.....*R.W. Deputy Grand Master*
Bro. Dan G. Fitzgerrell.....*R.W. Senior Grand Warden*
Bro. Elmer E. Beach.....*R.W. Junior Grand Warden*
Bro. LeRoy A. Goddard, P. G. M.....*R.W. Grand Treasurer*
Bro. Isaac Cutter.....*R.W. Grand Secretary*
Rev. Bro. R. Keene Ryan.....*R.W. Grand Chaplain*
Bro. Oscar A. Kropf.....*R.W. Grand Orator*
Bro. Roy Adams.....*W. Deputy Grand Secretary*
Bro. George J. Kurzenknabe.....*W. Grand Pursuivant*
Bro. William H. Bied.....*W. Grand Marshal*
Bro. William M. Lovins.....*W. Grand Standard Bearer*
Bro. Felix von W. Wysow.....*W. Grand Sword Bearer*
Bro. E. Edwin Mills.....*W. Senior Grand Deacon*
Bro. Norman J. Carey.....*W. Junior Grand Deacon*
Bro. Alonzo Ellis.....*W. Grand Steward*
Bro. George W. Tipsword.....*W. Grand Steward*
Bro. Tim Van Antwerp.....*W. Grand Steward*
Bro. Charles F. Tenney.....*W. Grand Steward*
Bro. Chester S. Gurney.....*Grand Tyler*

INSTALLATION.

Bro. George M. Moulton, assisted by Bro. Henry T. Burnap, as Grand Marshal, installed the officers, except Bro. Oscar A. Kropf, the Grand Orator, and Bros. Tenney and Van Antwerp, Grand Stewards, who were absent.

COMMITTEES.

The list of brethren comprising the committees was read by the Grand Secretary.

JURISPRUDENCE—

Monroe C. Crawford, Jonesboro, Chairman.
Owen Scott, Decatur.
George M. Moulton, Masonic Temple, Chicago.
William B. Wright, Effingham.
Chester E. Allen, Galesburg.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES—

Joseph E. Dyas, Paris, Chairman.
William E. Hadley, Edwardsville.
Hugh R. Stewart, 455 W. Sixtieth St., Chicago.
George N. Todd, Mattoon.
Frank E. Locke, 125 N. Peoria St., Chicago.

CHARTERED LODGES—

Phil C. Barclay, Cairo, Chairman.
W. W. Watson, Barry.
J. E. Jeffers, Arcola.
A. G. Trees, 411½ E. Jackson St., Springfield.
William H. Beckman, 631 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago.

LODGES, U. D.—

Albert Jampolis, 3738 Rokeby St., Chicago, Chairman.
John Johnston, 233 Lake St., Chicago.
Benjamin A. Cottlow, Oregon.
Harry L. Browning, E. St. Louis.
Delbert I. Duck, Paris.

CREDENTIALS—

Henry H. Montgomery, Carrollton, Chairman.
Ira J. McDowell, 4745 Van Buren St., Chicago.
George L. Ayers, 23 W. Monroe St., Chicago.
C. N. Hambleton, Jeffersonville.
Julius Gates Strawn, Jacksonville.

PETITIONS—

John C. Weis, Peoria, Chairman.
L. F. Childs, 5816 E. Circle Ave., Chicago.
C. O. Faught, Altamont.

OBITUARIES—

Thomas G. Kerwin, 6151 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Chairman.
Ralph W. King, 5113 Michigan Ave., Chicago.
Louis Zinger, Pekin.

GRAND MASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT—

Harry N. McFarlane, 807, 105 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Chairman.
Edward L. Holmes, 4523 Washington Blvd., Chicago.
Everett R. Turnbull, Carlinville.

LIBRARIES—

Charles W. Walduck, 3525 W. Adams, Chicago, Chairman.
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George L. Hilliker, La Grange.

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS—

Anthony Doherty, Clay City, Chairman.
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Thomas S. Browning, Benton.
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Charles J. Shaw, Galesburg.

FINANCE—

Edward H. Thomas, 2431 S. Lincoln St., Chicago, Chairman.
Thomas A. Stevens, 19 N. State St., Chicago.
Edward W. Peterson, 5958 Midway Park, Chicago.

NEW LEGISLATION—

Alexander H. Bell, Carlinville, Chairman. Appointed 1916.
Elmer D. Brothers, 39 S. LaSalle St., Chicago. Appointed 1914.
James K. Lambert, 6435 Maryland Ave., Chicago. Appointed 1915.

CORRESPONDENCE—

Charles H. Martin, Bridgeport.

BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR MASONIC HOMES—

Robert J. Daly, 3214 Polk St., Chicago, President.
William A. Dixon, Decatur.
Louis L. Emmerson, Mt. Vernon.
Robert C. Fletcher, La Grange.
William D. Price, Harvester Bldg., Chicago.
Irving Shuman, Federal Bldg., Chicago.
Ralph H. Wheeler, 108 N. State St., Chicago, *ex officio.*
Austin H. Scrogin, Lexington, *ex officio.*

GRAND MASTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL—

Austin H. Scrogin, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
Dan G. Fitzgerrell, R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
Elmer E. Beach, R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
Leroy A. Goddard, R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary.
George M. Moulton, Committee on Jurisprudence.
Joseph E. Dyas, Chairman Committee on Appeals and Grievances.
Albert Jampolis, Chairman Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation.
Edward H. Thomas, Chairman Committee on Finance.
Alexander H. Bell, Chairman Committee on New Legislation.
Robert J. Daly, President Board of Managers Illinois Masonic Homes.

REPRESENTATIVE TO MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION—

Robert J. Daly, 3214 Polk St., Chicago.

CLOSED.

At 11:30 o'clock no further business appearing, the Deputy Grand Master closed the M.W. Grand Lodge in AMPLE FORM.

GRAND MASTER.

ATTEST

GRAND SECRETARY.

M. W. Grand Master's Address,
108 North State St.

COMPLETE SUMMARY

For 1916

Number Lodges working under Charter,		847
Number members June 30, 1915, - -		139,271
INCREASE		
Number raised, - -	11,121	
Number affiliated, - -	1,389	
Number restored, - -	386	
Add for error, - - -	115	
Add members 11 lodges*	1,478	
Total, - -	14,489	
DECREASE		
Number dimitted, - -	2,700	
Number suspended, -	1,115	
Number expelled, - -	20	
Number of deaths, -	1,790	
Loss by error, - -	80	
	5,705	
Net gain, - - - - -		8,784
Number of members, June 30, 1916,		148,055

*Chartered in 1915. Not otherwise accounted for.

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DISTRICTS AND R.W. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

FOR THE YEARS 1916-17

District	NAME.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	LODGES COMPOSING DISTRICT.
1	Robert N. Holt.....	Chicago..... 110 S. Dearborn St.	Lodges Nos. 33, 271, 409, 524, 642, 697, 751, 776, 795, 818, 843, 863, 878, 890, 899, 914, 924, 944, 958, 972, 981, 988, 996.
2	James A. Steven...	Chicago..... 112 W. Adams St.	Lodges Nos. 81, 277, 410, 526, 643, 711, 758, 777, 797, 819, 850, 864, 879, 891, 900, 915, 926, 947, 961, 973, 982, 989, 997.
3	Richard E. Kropf..	Chicago..... 10 S. La Salle St.	Lodges Nos. 141, 308, 411, 540, 662, 716, 765, 779, 800, 832, 851, 865, 880, 892, 901, 916, 927, 949, 962, 974, 983, 991, 998.
4	Claude R. Grover..	Chicago..... 1410 E. 68th St.	Lodges Nos. 160, 310, 422, 557, 669, 717, 767, 780, 804, 836, 854 869, 882, 894, 907, 917, 931, 954, 964, 975, 984, 992, 999.
5	Joseph J. Shaw....	Chicago. 69 W. Washington St.	Lodges Nos. 182, 311, 437, 610, 674, 726, 768, 783, 810, 839, 855, 873, 887, 895, 908, 921, 937, 955, 966, 976, 985, 993, 1001.
6	Nicholas E.Murray	Chicago 5812 West End Ave.	Lodges Nos. 209, 214, 478, 611, 686, 731, 770, 784, 813, 841, 860, 875, 888, 896, 909, 922, 938, 956, 968, 977, 986, 994, 1002.
7	Hiram Vanderbilt.	Chicago..... 11232 S. Michigan Ave.	Lodges Nos. 211, 393, 508, 639, 690, 739, 774, 789, 815, 842, 862, 876, 889, 897, 913, 923, 943, 957, 971, 978, 987, 995.
8	Jay L. Brewster...	Waukegan.....	McHenry and Lake. Lodges Nos. 63, 138, 143, 158, 169, 309, 358, 604, 960, 78, 115, 127, 298, 492, 676, 827.
9	James M. Huff.....	Belvidere.....	Boone, Winnebago and Stephenson. Lodges Nos. 60, 575. 74, 75, 102, 145, 166, 173, 302, 633, 745, 97, 170, 174, 414, 564, 687, 823.
10	John Thos. Miller.	Warren.....	Jo Daviess and Carroll. Lodges Nos. 36, 273, 278, 491, 554, 905, 859, 188, 345, 385, 423, 490, 559 867.
11	Thos. H. Hobbs . ..	DeKalb	DeKalb and Ogle. Lodges Nos. 134, 144, 283, 288, 301, 374, 402, 646, 728, 857, 96, 187, 244, 274, 320, 420, 505.
12	C. F. Wm. Schultz.	Elgin.....	Kane, Kendall and DuPage. Lodges Nos. 48, 90, 117, 139, 190, 254, 359, 404, 443, 942, 522, 303, 323, 428, 471, 65, 269, 472, 824, 934, 941, 950.
13	Mark C. Keller.....	Dixon.....	Whiteside and Lee. Lodges Nos. 189, 293, 321, 412, 566, 612, 655, 667, 750, 936, 7, 146, 178, 205, 264, 282, 349, 531, 902.
14	C. G. Taylor	Rock Island.....	Henry and Rock Island. Lodges Nos. 49, 92, 159, 243, 433, 502, 535, 680, 886, 57, 69, 319, 436, 516, 543, 547, 658, 679, 898, 969.
15	Chas. W. Coker....	Lacon.	Bureau, Putnam and Marshall. Lodges Nos. 142, 231, 270, 383, 399, 550, 587, 722, 803, 805, 814, 933, 951, 103, 61, 119, 344, 441.

R.W. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS—*Continued.*

District.	NAME.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	LODGES COMPOSING DISTRICT.
16	J. F. Blakeslee.....	Utica.....	LaSalle. Lodges Nos. 13, 40, 67, 176, 183, 194, 364, 384, 397, 417, 477, 532, 555, 607, 735, 858, 870, 558.
17	J. W. Brockway..	Joliet..... (Box 864)	Will and Grundy. Lodges Nos. 42, 175, 208, 262, 536, 538, 636, 704, 763, 919, 124, 528, 573, 757, 826.
18	Wm. A. Ward.....	Sheldon.....	Kankakee and Iroquois. Lodges Nos. 378, 389, 481, 928, 168, 305, 316, 429, 446, 506, 591, 609, 634, 688, 845, 952.
19	C. L. Tanner.....	Saunemin.....	Livingston and Ford. Lodges Nos. 294, 351, 371, 401, 539, 552, 614, 738, 868, 416, 608, 631, 733, 761, 811.
20	Chas. H. Ireland...	Washburn.....	Peoria and Woodford. Lodges Nos. 15, 46, 106, 222, 263, 335, 360, 363, 748, 930, 246, 247, 306, 421.
21	C. C. Sawyer.....	Altona.....	Knox and Stark. Lodges Nos. 66, 155, 185, 291, 330, 337, 448, 530, 584, 685, 793, 93, 415, 479, 501, 514.
22	F. E Edgerton	Kirkwood.....	Mercer, Warren and Henderson. Lodges Nos. 59, 113, 252, 367, 577, 755, 838, 946, 37, 518, 519, 702, 123, 727, 732, 847.
23	S. P. Odenweller...	Macomb.....	McDonough and Fulton. Lodges Nos. 17, 233, 248, 307, 327, 496, 572, 617, 100, 104, 116, 192, 213, 253, 350, 534, 734, 848, 939.
24	Enoch Fleming....	Bowen.....	Hancock and Schuyler. Lodges Nos. 20, 193, 195, 235, 238, 257, 286, 295, 318, 464, 486, 618, 683, 715, 9, 465, 648, 766, 935.
25	A. T. Peters.....	New Holland.....	Tazewell and Logan. Lodges Nos. 29, 98, 126, 132, 156, 352, 462, 622, 641, 87, 165, 210, 741, 808, 853, 903.
26	Nimrod Mace	Bloomington.....	McLean. Lodges Nos. 43, 221, 251, 292, 468, 469, 482, 512, 542, 582, 656, 673, 737, 742, 799, 911,
27	G. Hayen Stevens..	Danville.....	Vermilion. Lodges Nos. 38, 154, 265, 285, 527, 590, 632, 709, 714, 725, 782, 798, 872, 980.
28	F. R. Smedley.....	Champaign.....	Champaign and Piatt. Lodges Nos. 157, 199, 220, 240, 347, 391, 470, 537, 574, 747, 754, 791, 801, 970, 58, 365, 600, 651, 773, 812, 965.
29	Cary F. Crum.....	Maroa.....	Dewitt and Macon. Lodges Nos. 84, 172, 261, 710, 746, 820, 8, 312, 431, 454, 467, 682, 871, 959, 979.
30	Emory Edwards...	Riverton.....	Sangamon and Menard. Lodges Nos. 4, 71, 203, 333, 354, 450, 500, 521, 523, 556, 635, 675, 700, 786, 904, 945, 19, 653, 762.
31	A. C. Metcalf.....	Jacksonville.....	Mason, Cass and Morgan. Lodges Nos. 88, 403, 476, 645, 23, 544, 724, 929, 3, 52, 118, 346, 382, 432, 570, 616.
32	E. L. Lawrence....	Hull.....	Brown and Pike. Lodges Nos. 44, 108, 430, 34, 45, 95, 218, 275, 353, 373, 388, 453, 565, 569, 790, 806, 821, 830, 910, 940, 1000.
33	J. L. Klemme.....	Quincy.....	Adams. Lodges Nos. 1, 39, 114, 135, 147, 227, 266, 267, 296, 297, 379, 380, 449, 529, 659, 893.

R. W. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS —*Continued.*

District.	NAME.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	LODGES COMPOSING DISTRICT.
34	Ralph M. Riggs	Winchester.....	Calhoun, Jersey, Green, and Scott. Lodges Nos. 792, 856, 341, 394, 592, 50, 80, 129, 197, 796, 105, 229, 424, 846.
35	W. P. Wall.....	Staunton.....	Macoupin. Lodges Nos. 76, 151, 152, 161, 171, 177, 212, 214, 249, 426, 445, 461, 463, 874.
36	Walter R. McLean	Hillsboro.....	Montgomery and Bond. Lodges Nos. 51, 236, 255, 455, 456, 475, 517, 670, 692, 906, 245, 473, 809, 861.
37	L. A. Tripp....	Assumption.....	Christian and Shelby. Lodges Nos. 122, 226, 340, 451, 585, 623, 647, 681, 53, 180, 322, 392, 493, 541, 706, 831, 990.
38	S. A. Wright.....	Ashmore	Coles, Douglas and Moultrie. Lodges Nos. 35, 179, 219, 260, 390 396, 788, 332, 366, 369, 440, 825, 837, 885, 228, 595, 764, 884.
39	Thos. Moyer.....	Paris.....	Cumberland, Clark and Edgar. Lodges Nos 125, 279, 580, 698, 834, 133, 313, 442, 603, 620, 77, 148, 268, 280, 408, 743, 829.
40	James T. Athey....	Robinson.....	Jasper, Crawford and Richland. Lodges Nos. 216, 489, 883, 136, 250, 348, 644, 666, 756, 849, 140, 362, 509.
41	David Wright.....	Effingham.....	Effingham and Fayette. Lodges Nos. 149, 217, 484, 533, 578, 602, 664, 665, 16, 405, 601, 769.
42	Thos. A. Doherty ..	Clay City.....	Clay, Marion and Wayne. Lodges Nos. 196, 204, 485, 488, 691, 130, 201, 398, 503, 510, 613, 932, 948, 206, 331, 460, 713, 759, 925.
43	Chas. W. Dean.....	Carlyle	Clinton and Madison. Lodges Nos. 79, 109, 25, 27, 99, 355, 406, 560, 583, 588, 712, 835, 877.
44	Samuel E. Grigg...	Sparta.....	St. Clair, Monroe and Randolph. Lodges Nos 24, 110, 342, 361, 418, 504, 576, 852, 881, 474, 787, 72, 86, 162, 427, 497.
45	Wainwright Davis	Mt. Vernon	Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Perry. Lodges Nos. 55, 153, 31, 368, 696, 721, 64, 567, 705, 744, 749, 807, 918, 85, 207, 234.
46	Chas. F. Stoll.....	Lawrenceville.....	Lawrence, Edwards, Wabash and White. Lodges Nos. 164, 334, 386, 447, 912, 356, 866, 239, 752, 200, 272, 668, 677, 718.
47	George McKitrick.	Harrisburg....	Hamilton, Saline and Gallatin. Lodges Nos. 137, 630, 963, 967, 128, 325, 458, 495, 684, 730, 2, 14, 230, 723, 816, 920.
48	John Armstrong...	Carbondale	Jackson and Williamson. Lodges Nos. 241, 287, 434, 498, 657, 695, 833, 89, 487, 693, 719, 729, 802, 817.
49	Chas. S. Bourque..	Cairo	Johnson, Union and Alexander. Lodges Nos. 150, 336, 339, 419, 772, 778, 822, 953, 111, 466, 520, 581, 627, 840, 237.
50	E. J. Cowling.....	Metropolis	Hardin, Pope, Massac and Pulaski. Lodges Nos. 276, 444, 794, 131, 672, 701, 771, 91, 232, 47, 562, 660.

John F. Schott, 3149 N. Racine Ave., Chicago.

District Deputy Grand Master German speaking lodges in the 2d, 4th, 5th, 20th and 26th Districts. Lodges Nos. 182, 277, 335, 410, 557, 656, 669, 674, 783.

R.W. GRAND LECTURERS.

FOR THE YEAR 1916-1917

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1840	*Abraham Jonas	*James Adams	*W. S. Vance	*H. Rogers	*Alexander Dunlap	*Wm. B. Warren
1840	Abraham Jonas	James Adams	*Alexander Dunlap	*Harrison Dills	*Philip Coffman	Wm. B. Warren
1841	Abraham Jonas	*Meredith Helm	Alexander Dunlap	Harrison Dills	Philip Coffman	Wm. B. Warren
1842	*Meredith Helm	*Alexander Dunlap	*Levi Lusk	*Joseph N. Ralston	Philip Coffman	Wm. B. Warren
1843	*Alexander Dunlap	*Levi Lusk	*William Hodge	*Henry Prather	Philip Coffman	Wm. B. Warren
1844	*Levi Lusk	*Carding Jackson	*David Allen	*Nelson D. Morse	Philip Coffman	Wm. B. Warren
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1857	*Harrison Dills	*James H. Matheny	*Fergus M. Blair	*A. J. Kuykendall	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1858	*Ira A. W. Buck	*Fergus M. Blair	*A. J. Kuykendall	*Silas C. Toler	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1859	Ira A. W. Buck	Fergus M. Blair	A. J. Kuykendall	Silas C. Toler	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1860	Ira A. W. Buck	Fergus M Blair	A. J. Kuykendall	Silas C. Toler	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1861	*F. M. Blair	*Silas C. Toler	*Asa W. Blakesley	John C. Baker	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1862	F. M. Blair	*John C. Baker	*Jerome R. Gorin	*James C. Luckey	*J. R. Mack	Harmon G. Reynolds
1863	*Thomas J. Turner	*Jerome R. Gorin	*H. P. H. Bromwell	*Edwin F. Babcock	*Harrison Dills	Harmon G. Reynolds
1864	Thomas J. Turner	*H. P. H. Bromwell	Edwin F. Babcock	*Nathan W. Huntley	Harrison Dills	Harmon G. Reynolds
1865	*H. P. H. Bromwell	*Jerome R. Gorin	*Nathan W. Huntley	*Charles Fisher	Harrison Dills	Harmon G. Reynolds
1866	*Jerome R. Gorin	*Nathan W. Huntley	*Charles Fisher	*Horace Hayward	Harrison Dills	Harmon G. Reynolds
1867	Jerome R. Gorin	*Charles Fisher	*DeWitt C. Cregier	*James A. Hawley	Harrison Dills	Harmon G. Reynolds
1868	*Harmon G. Reynolds	*DeWitt C. Cregier	*James A. Hawley	*Geo. E. Lounsbury	Harrison Dills	*Orlin H. Miner
1869	Harmon G. Reynolds	DeWitt C. Cregier	James A. Hawley	Geo. E. Lounsbury	Harrison Dills	Orlin H. Miner
1870	*DeWitt C. Cregier	*James A. Hawley	*Geo. E. Lounsbury	*James C. Luckey	Harrison Dills	Orlin H. Miner

*Deceased.

1871	DeWitt C. Cregier..	James A. Hawley..	Geo. E. Lounsbury	*Joseph Robbins.....	Harrison Dills	Orlin H. Miner.....
1872	*James A. Hawley...	*Geo. E. Lounsbury .	*Joseph Robbins.....	*Wm. J. A. DeLancey	Harrison Dills	Orlin H. Miner.....
1873	James A. Hawley...	Geo. E. Lounsbury .	Joseph Robbins.....	Wm. J. A. DeLancey	Harrison Dills	†John F. Burrill
1874	*Geo. E. Lounsbury .	*Joseph Robbins...	*Wm. J. A. DeLancey	Henry E. Hamilton.	Harrison Dills	John F. Burrill
1875	Geo. E. Lounsbury .	Joseph Robbins.....	Wm. J. A. DeLancey	Henry E. Hamilton.	Harrison Dills	John F. Burrill
1876	*Joseph Robbins.....	*Wm. J. A. DeLancey	Henry E. Hamilton.	*William H. Scott....	*Archibald A. Glenn.	John F. Burrill
1877	Joseph Robbins.....	Wm. J. A. DeLancey	Henry E. Hamilton.	William H. Scott....	Archibald A. Glenn.	John F. Burrill
1878	*Theodore T. Gurney	*William H. Scott....	*Louis Ziegler.....	*Daniel M. Browning.	*Orlin H. Miner.....	John F. Burrill
1879	Theodore T. Gurney	William H. Scott	*Daniel M. Browning.	*John R. Thomas ...	Orlin H. Miner.....	John F. Burrill
1880	*William H. Scott....	*Daniel M. Browning.	*John R. Thomas	*Henry C. Cleaveland	*Wiley M. Egan.....	John F. Burrill
1881	William H. Scott....	Daniel M. Browning.	John R. Thomas	Henry C. Cleaveland	Wiley M. Egan.....	*Loyal L. Munn.....
1882	*Daniel M. Browning.	*John R. Thomas	*Henry C. Cleaveland	*Alex. T. Darrah.....	Wiley M. Egan.....	Loyal L. Munn.....
1883	Daniel M. Browning.	John R. Thomas	*Alex. T. Darrah.....	*John C. Smith.....	Wiley M. Egan.....	Loyal L. Munn.....
1884	*John R. Thomas	*Alex. T. Darrah.....	*John C. Smith.....	John M. Pearson....	Wiley M. Egan.....	Loyal L. Munn.....
1885	*Alex. T. Darrah.....	*John C. Smith.....	*John M. Pearson....	Monroe C. Crawford	Wiley M. Egan.....	Loyal L. Munn.....
1886	Alex. T. Darrah.....	John C. Smith.....	John M. Pearson....	Monroe C. Crawford	Wiley M. Egan.....	Loyal L. Munn.....
1887	*John C. Smith.....	*John M. Pearson....	Monroe C. Crawford	Leroy A. Goddard ..	Wiley M. Egan.....	Loyal L. Munn.....
1888	John C. Smith.....	John M. Pearson....	Monroe C. Crawford	Leroy A. Goddard..	Wiley M. Egan.....	Loyal L. Munn.....
1889	*John M. Pearson....	Monroe C. Crawford	Leroy A. Goddard..	Owen Scott.....	Wiley M. Egan.....	Loyal L. Munn.....
1890	John M. Pearson....	Monroe C. Crawford	Leroy A. Goddard..	Owen Scott.....	Wiley M. Egan.....	Loyal L. Munn.....
1891	Monroe C. Crawford	Leroy A. Goddard...	Owen Scott.....	*Edward Cook.....	Wiley M. Egan.....	Loyal L. Munn.....
1892	Monroe C. Crawford	Leroy A. Goddard...	Owen Scott.....	Edward Cook.....	Wiley M. Egan.....	Loyal L. Munn.....
1893	Leroy A. Goddard..	Owen Scott.....	*Edward Cook.....	*C. F. Hitchcock.....	Wiley M. Egan.....	*J. H. C. Dill.....
1894	Leroy A. Goddard..	Owen Scott.....	Edward Cook.....	C. F. Hitchcock.....	Wiley M. Egan.....	J. H. C. Dill.....
1895	Owen Scott.....	*Edward Cook	*C. F. Hitchcock.....	Geo. M. Moulton....	Wiley M. Egan.....	J. H. C. Dill.....
1896	Owen Scott.....	Edward Cook	C. F. Hitchcock.....	Geo. M. Moulton....	Wiley M. Egan.....	J. H. C. Dill
1897	*Edward Cook	*C. F. Hitchcock.....	Geo. M. Moulton....	Wm. B. Wright.....	Wiley M. Egan.....	J. H. C. Dill.....
1898	Edward Cook.....	C. F. Hitchcock	Geo. M. Moulton....	Wm. B. Wright.....	Wiley M. Egan.....	J. H. C. Dill.....
1899	*Chas. F. Hitchcock.	Geo. M. Moulton....	Wm. B. Wright.....	Chester E. Allen....	Wiley M. Egan.....	J. H. C. Dill.....
1900	Chas. F. Hitchcock.	Geo. M. Moulton....	Wm. B. Wright.....	Chester E. Allen....	Wiley M. Egan.....	J. H. C. Dill.....
1901	Geo. M. Moulton ...	Wm. B. Wright.....	Chester E. Allen ...	Alexander H. Bell..	Wiley M. Egan.....	J. H. C. Dill.....
1902	Geo. M. Moulton....	Wm. B. Wright.....	Chester E. Allen ...	Alexander H. Bell..	Wiley M. Egan.....	J. H. C. Dill
1903	Wm. B. Wright.....	Chester E. Allen....	Alexander H. Bell..	A. B. Ashley.....	Leroy A. Goddard...	J. H. C. Dill.....
1904	Wm. B. Wright.....	Chester E. Allen....	Alexander H. Bell..	A. B. Ashley.....	Leroy A. Goddard...	J. H. C. Dill..... .
1905	Chester E. Allen....	Alexander H. Bell..	A. B. Ashley.	D. D. Darrah.....	Leroy A. Goddard...	J. H. C. Dill.....
1906	Chester E. Allen....	Alexander H. Bell..	A. B. Ashley.....	D. D. Darrah.....	Leroy A. Goddard...	Isaac Cutter.....
1907	Alexander H. Bell..	A. B. Ashley	D. D. Darrah.....	H. T. Burnap	Leroy A. Goddard...	Isaac Cutter
1908	Alexander H. Bell..	A. B. Ashley...	D. D. Darrah	H. T. Burnap.....	Leroy A. Goddard ..	Isaac Cutter
1909	A. B. Ashley.....	D. D. Darrah	H. T. Burnap.....	Ralph H. Wheeler..	Leroy A. Goddard ..	Isaac Cutter
1910	A. B. Ashley..	D. D. Darrah.....	H. T. Burnap.... ...	Ralph H. Wheeler .	Leroy A. Goddard ..	Isaac Cutter
1911	D. D. Darrah.....	H. T. Burnap.....	Ralph H. Wheeler..	A. H. Scrogin.....	Leroy A. Goddard..	Isaac Cutter
1912	D. D. Darrah.....	H. T. Burnap.....	Ralph H. Wheeler..	A. H. Scrogin	Leroy A. Goddard...	Isaac Cutter.....
1913	Henry T. Burnap...	Ralph H. Wheeler..	Austin H. Scrogin..	Dan G. Fitzgerrell..	Leroy A. Goddard...	Isaac Cutter
1914	Henry T. Burnap...	Ralph H. Wheeler..	Austin H. Scrog n..	Dan G. Fitzgerrell..	Leroy A. Goddard. .	Isaac Cutter..... ...
1915	Ralph H. Wheeler..	Austin H. Scrogin...	Dan. G. Fitzgerrell.	Elmer E. Beach.....	Leroy A. Goddard ..	Issac Cutter
1916	Ralph H. Wheeler	Austin H. Scrogin..	Dan G. Fitzgerrell.	Elmer E. Beach	Leroy A. Goddard...	Issac Cutter.....

*Deceased.

†Expelled.

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	GRAND CHAPLAIN.	GRAND ORATOR.	DEPUTY GRAND SECY.	GRAND PURSUIVANT.	W. GRAND MARSHAL.	GRAND STANDARD BEARER.	GRAND SWORD BEARER.
1840	Rev. H. W. Osborn*	S. A. Douglas*	W. D. McCann*	John Gregory*	S. W. Lucas*	L. Griffing*	
1841	F. A. McNeill*	James Shields*	W. D. McCann	John Gregory	A. C. Dixon*	M. Doyle*	
1842	F. A. McNeill	J. H. Matheny*	Edward Jones*	John Gregory	A. C. Dixon	J. P. Swisler*	
1843	G. A. Patterson*	H. S. Cooley*	Adam Dunlap*	S. W. Lucas*	P. Underwood*	J. P. Swisler	
1844	Rev. Chas. Howard*	R. E. Smith*	Adam Dunlap	A. V. Putman	Mathew Stacy*	William Lavely*	
1845	Rev. Chas. V. Kelly*	William Stuart*	Chas. H. Larrabee*	R. F. Kippingburg*	John H. Holton*		William Ervin*
1846	Rev. Chas. V. Kelly	Rev. Wm. F. Walker*	James Price*	Arnold R. Robinson*	William McMurtry.*		Peter Sweat*
1847	Rev. N. P. Heath*	E. R Roe*		Webb C. Quigley*	Peter Surat*		John H. Holton*
1848	Rev. Chas. Howard*	George Davis*	R. W. Diller	William E. Russell*	H. G. Reynolds*		Clark B. Stebbins*
1849	Rev. Brax'n Parish*	A. D. Caldwell*		Clark B. Stebbins*	Nathan English*		W. H. L. Wallace*
1850	Rev. J. T. Worth'g'n*	J. T. Lindsay*		R. W. Scanland*	George W. Hotchkiss*		J. M. Scott*
1851	Rev. Chas. Howard*	George T. Brown*	Silas Ramsey*	W. W. Drummond*	Isaac R. Diller*		J. W. Smith*
1852	Rev. R. E. Guthrie*	John Dean Caton*	John S. Winter*	J. W. Smith*	Amos Hill*		J. P. Waterhouse*
1853	Rev. W. E. Johnson*	Charles E. Dodge*	Jacob W. Brewer*	Stephen Bennett*	James Price*		Wm. Kinman*
1854	Rev. J. H. Hughes*	Isaac R. Diller*	Jacob W. Brewer	McKinzie Turner*	Cyrus C. Palmer*		Jonathan Young*
1855	Rev. J. H. Hughes	Isaac R. Diller	John S. Winter	J. C. McMurtry*	A. J. Kuykendall*		Robert Keith*
1856	Rev. Danl. P. Bunn*	James H. Matheny*	P. A. Whitaker*	E. J. Higgins*	A. J. Kuykendall		G. D. Moody*
1857	Rev. L. P. Clover*	J. M. Palmer*		E. J. Higgins	E. A. Whipple*	Robert Keith*	Daniel Frost*
1858	Rev. L. P. Clover	Abraham Jonas*	Benj. F. Barry*	C. C. Sympson*	George R. McGregor*	Phares A. Dorwin*	Lewis Keyon*
1859	Rev. N. W. Miner*	Stephen A. Hurlbut*	John S. Winter	C. C. Sympson	Reuben Cleveland.*	H. A. Chase*	Robert Gibson*
1860	Rev. Jas. L. Crane*	Ely S. Parker*	James Steele*	N. W. Chapman*	David B. Irons*	Michael Grant*	John C. Baker
1861	Rev. Jas. L. Crane	H. P. H. Bromwell*	L. W. Shepherd*	D. D. Irons*	Reuben Cleveland*	M. Grant*	Caleb Finch*
1862	Rev. N. E. Cobleigh*	H. P. H. Bromwell	L. W. Shepherd	D. W. Zink*	J. M. Pearson*	J. W. Banker*	G. W. Albin*
1863	Rev. R. G. Hamilton*	Allen C. Fuller*	John C. Reynolds*	Chas. T. Pace*	James N. Buford*	Daniel G. Burr*	C. L. Underwood*
1864	Rev. J. T. Orr*	Vincent Ridgely	John C. Reynolds	Chas. T. Pace	James Lowe*	Daniel Frost*	Daniel G. Burr*
1865	Rev. J. T. Orr	M. W. Willis*	John C. Reynolds	Alonzo Ransom*	J. F. Alexander*	S. B. Dugger*	Daniel Frost
1866	Rev. O. H. Tiffany*	J. I. Davidson*	John C. Reynolds	Chas. Spalding*	Samuel B. Dugger*	J. M. Samson*	Jay G. Callender*
1867	Rev. D. P. Bunn*	Newton Bateman*	John C. Reynolds	Chas. Spalding	John G. Bagby*	I. S. Blackwelder*	Jay G. Callender
1868	Rev. D. P. Bunn	Joseph Robbins*		George W. Staley*	Geo. W. Hartman*	I. E. Hardy*	S. C. Buckman*
1869	Rev. J. I. Davidson*	H. P. H. Bromwell*	John C. Reynolds	Geo. H. Raymond*	John W. Ross*	Elijah E. Myers‡	John Evans*
1870	Rev. Jno. W. Agard*	John M. Scott.*	John C. Reynolds	Thos. J. Whitehead*	John F. Burrill†	Isaac E. Hardy	Wm. H. Eastman*
1871	Rev. Jno. W. Agard	Jerome R. Gorin*	John F. Burrill†	Wm. H. Eastman*	Thos. J. Whitehead	Henry W. Dyer	Isaac E. Hardy*
1872	Rev. Jno. W. Agard	T. T. Gurney*	John F. Burrill	H. W. Dyer	W. H. Long	Isaac E. Hardy	Wm. E. Ginther*
1873	W. H. Scott	John Dougherty*	Frank Hudson, Jr.	Thomas C. Clark	Harry Duvall	Wm. H. Long	Wm. E. Ginther
1874	W. H. Scott	C. H. Patton*	Frank Hudson, Jr.	E. P. Chatfield	A. H. Irvin	Wm. E. Ginther*	Wm. H. Long
1875	George W. Martin	George M. McConnell	Frank Hudson, Jr.	John A. Ladd*	Alexander H. Irvin*	Robert Richards	George W. Cyrus
1876	George W. Martin	R. S. Dement*	Frank Hudson, Jr.	John P. Norvell*	John A. Ladd*	Geo. W. Cyrus	John R. Thomas
1877	George W. Martin	Alfred Sample*	Frank Hudson, Jr.	John P. Norvell	John A. Ladd	John R. Thomas	Robt. L. McKinlay
1878	George W. Martin	John R. Thomas	Frank Hudson, Jr.	John P. Norvell	Henry C. Cleveland*	Loyal L. Munn*	Samuel Rawson
1879	George W. Martin	John P. Norvell*	Frank Hudson, Jr.	Chas. M. Carter	Henry C. Cleveland	Loyal L. Munn	Daniel Brewster

1880	John D. Gillham	W. H. Williamson	Frank Hudson, Jr.	Chas. M. Carter	James C. McMurtry*	Owen Scott	Thomas Moore
1881	John D. Gillham	Owen Scott	Leslie A. Munn	Chas. M. Carter	James C. McMurtry	John C. Bagby	F. A. Halliday
1882	John D. Gillham	William J. Allen	Leslie A. Munn	Thos. S. Mather*	James C. McMurtry	John C. Bagby	F. A. Halliday
1883	John D. Gillham	F. M. Youngblood	Leslie A. Munn	Thos. S. Mather	James C. McMurtry	John C. Bagby	John W. Thrift
1884	Geo. W. Scawthon	W. S. Hooper	Leslie A. Munn	Eugene L. Stoker*	Jas. C. McMurtry	Rowley Page*	B. Mendenhall*
1885	Geo. W. Scawthon	Isaac Clements	Leslie A. Munn	Edw. L. Cronkrite	Rowley Page*	W. H. Curtin*	J. H. C. Dill*
1886	H. W. Thomas*	W. S. Hooper	D. B. Breed	Edw. L. Cronkrite	Rowley Page	W. H. Curtin	J. H. C. Dill
1887	H. W. Thomas	W. J. Calhoun	Leslie A. Munn	B. F. Mason	W. A. Stevens	Rowley Page*	J. O. Hughes*
1888	H. W. Thomas	Geo C. Lorimer*	Leslie A. Munn	B. F. Mason	W. A. Stevens	R. S. Gordon	E. A. Kratz
1889	F. M. Springer*	A. T. Wolf	George L. Munn	B. F. Mason	R. S. Gordon	N. E. Roberts	J. G. Marston
1890	F. M. Springer	W. J. Calhoun	George L. Munn	B. F. Mason	R. S. Gordon	N. E. Roberts	J. G. Marston
1891	F. P. Davenport	Wm. W. Barr	Loyal L. Munn, Jr.	B. F. Mason	R. S. Gordon	N. E. Roberts	J. G. Marston
1892	Ulysses G. Johnson	Geo. W. Warvelle	Loyal L. Munn, Jr.	John H. Mitchell	Haswell C. Clarke*	John W. Swatek	J. G. Marston
1893	H. W. Thomas*	John C. Black	G. H. B. Tolle	Pleas. T. Chapman	Haswell C. Clarke	Walter Watson	J. S. McClelland*
1894	H. W. Thomas	John C. Black	G. H. B. Tolle	Pleas. T. Chapman	William Hartzell*	Walter Watson	Cicero J. Lindley
1895	Jerome R. Gorin*	Adlai E. Stevenson*	G. H. B. Tolle	Pleas. T. Chapman	W. O. Butler	Walter Watson	Cicero J. Lindley
1896	Horace W. Bolton	W. H. Milburn*	G. H. B. Tolle	Cicero J. Lindley	H. C. Clarke	Walter Watson	R. T. Spencer
1897	Abel M. White	W. E. Mason	G. H. B. Tolle	Joseph D. Everett	Cicero J. Lindley	Walter Watson	Adam Ortseifen
1898	Frank Crane	W. H. Milburn*	Geo. A. Stadler	Walter Watson	Joseph D. Everett	Adam Ortseifen	Philip Maas
1899	Nelson G. Lyons	Walter Reeves*	Geo. A. Stadler	Thos. A. Stevens	Walter Watson	Jos. D. Everett	Saml. Coffinberry
1900	Thos. B. T. Fisher	V. M. Blanding	Geo. A. Stadler	Thos. A. Stevens	Walter Watson	W. W. Watson	Saml. Coffinberry
1901	J. P. Brushingham	Richard Yates	Geo. A. Stadler	Henry L. Whipple	Walter Watson	Herbert Preston*	Louis Zinger
1902	J. P. Brushingham	Jas. B. McFatrick*	Geo. A. Stadler	Henry L. Whipple	Walter Watson	Herbert Preston	Louis Zinger
1903	Joseph Stolz	Wm. A. Northcott	Geo. A. Stadler	Henry L. Whipple	Louis Zinger	W. H. Peak	J. R. Ennis
1904	J. W. VanCleve	Herbert Preston*	Geo. A. Stadler	Henry L. Whipple	Louis Zinger	W. H. Peak	J. R. Ennis
1905	W. S. Welsh	Owen Scott	Geo. A. Stadler	James McCredie	Louis Zinger	W. H. Peak	J. R. Ennis
1906	H. W. Thomas	Rufus O. White	Geo. A. Stadler	James McCredie	Louis Zinger	W. O. Butler	J. R. Ennis
1907	Abraham Traugott	Elmer E. Beach	Geo. A. Stadler	Fred'ick W. Froelich	Louis Zinger	W. O. Butler	Jas. W. Willard
1908	Abraham Traugott	Euclid B. Rogers	Geo. A. Stadler	Fred'ick W. Froelich	Louis Zinger	W. O. Butler	Jas. W. Willard
1909	J. Webster Bailey	Frank G. Smith	Geo. A. Stadler	N. J. Cary	A. W. West	James John	Norman M. Mesnard
1910	W. W. Weadon	W. W. Wilson*	Geo. A. Stadler	N. J. Cary	A. W. West	James John	Norman M. Mesnard
1911	Joseph C. Nate	Alexander H. Bell	Geo. A. Stadler	T. S. Browning	M. Bates Iott	J. L. Brewster	Geo. N. Todd
1912	Joseph C. Nate	Lawr'ce Y. Sherman	Geo. A. Stadler	T. S. Browning	M. Bates Iott	J. L. Brewster	Caleb Y. Stovall
1913	J. G. Wright	James H. Lewis	Geo. A. Stadler	F. J. Eberlein	Andrew McNally	C. J. Novak	D. W. Starr
1914	J. G. Wright	Delmar D. Darrah	I. Harry Todd	F. J. Eberlein	Andrew McNally	C. J. Novak	D. W. Starr
1915	R. Keene Ryan	Oscar A. Kropf	I. Harry Todd	G. J. Kurzenknabe	William H. Bied	William M. Lovins	Felix von W. Wysow
1916	R. Keene Ryan	Oscar A. Kropf	Roy Adams	G. J. Kurzenknabe	William H. Bied	William M. Lovins	Felix von W. Wysow

*Deceased. ‡Suspended + Expelled

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	SR. GRAND DEACON.	JR. GRAND DEACON.	GRAND STEWARD.	GRAND STEWARD.	GRAND STEWARD.	GRAND STEWARD.	GRAND TYLER.
1840	M. Helm*	J. Crocker*	Lucian B. Adams*	T. G. Johnson*			C. Ludlum*
1841	John Crockett*	Saml. Mattlack*	James Magorian*	A. V. Putman*			Geo. Hackett*
1842	Samuel Mattlack*	Henry Prather*	A. V. Putman*				Geo. Hackett
1843	J. B. Conyers*	John Bennett*	L. C. Kercheval*				Geo. Hackett
1844	Peter Sweat*	Chas. H. Pringle*	H. C. Reman*				Geo. Hackett
1845	William Lavely*	Nathan Dresser*	John C. Heyl*	Samuel H. Davis*			John Gregory*
1846	A. C. Dickson*	R. F. Kippingburg*	Harrison Dills*	Henry Kaussel*			D. M. Kittinger*
1847	W. C. Hobbs*	W. B. Mills*	Timothy Souther*	E. J. Harper*			D. M. Kittinger
1848	W. W. Bennett*	Hosa J. Armstrong*	John Daley*	John Pahlman*			N. Christy
1849	P. A. Whittaker*	Webb C. Quigley*	John E. Rearden*	John T. Knox*			A. R. Stout*
1850	P. A. Whittaker	A. R. Stout*	J. W. Keys*	Phares A. Dorwin*			M. McNamara*
1851	R. W. Scanland*	A. W. Blakesley*	D. A. Morris*	Isaac Springer*			A. R. Robinson*
1852	William S. Hurst*	R. S. Patterson*	Warren Brown*	McKenzie Turner*			A. R. Robinson
1853	John C. Heyl*	Wm. M. Eubanks*	Warren Brown	Robert Keith*			A. R. Robinson
1854	John M. Scott*	R. W. Scanland*	Robert Keith*	Stephen Bennett*			A. R. Robinson
1855	W. W. Jackson*	Henry T. Mudd*	O. N. Stafford*	Ezra J. Higgins*			A. R. Robinson
1856	J. S. Reardon*	Daniel Frost*	O. N. Stafford	P. V. Van Norstrum*			A. R. Robinson
1857	Caesar A. Roberts*	James Monroe*	O. N. Stafford	Silas C. Toler*			A. R. Robinson
1858	Caesar A. Roberts	William Watson*	O. N. Stafford	Daniel G. Burr			A. R. Robinson
1859	Wm. V. Plum*	Thomas W. Hay*	Wm. A. Hacker*	P. A. Dorwin*			A. R. Robinson
1860	Wm. M. Egan*	Thomas Moore*	Charles Fisher	O. N. Stafford*			A. R. Robinson
1861	J. C. Luckey*	H. W. Hubbard*	O. N. Stafford*	Charles Fisher			A. R. Robinson
1862	H. W. Hubbard*	John Bennett*	Charles Fisher	O. N. Stafford			A. R. Robinson
1863	N. W. Huntley*	Thomas W. Hay*	Charles Fisher	Wm. F. Elkin, Jr*			O. N. Stafford*
1864	Thomas W. Hay*	George Mason*	Charles Fisher	Wm. F. Elkin, Jr			O. N. Stafford
1865	James Lowe*	Rodney Ashley*	J. M. Burnett*	James Gourley*			O. N. Stafford
1866	James Lowe	Rodney Ashley	O. N. Stafford*	Thomas C. Jewell*			John P. Ferns*
1867	Geo. E. Lounsbury*	D. A. Cashman*	O. N. Stafford	R. D. Lawrence*			John P. Ferns
1868	Wm. G. Swan*	Saml. C. Stearns*	O. N. Stafford	A. R. Robinson*			John P. Ferns
1869	Wiley M. Egan*	Saml. C. Stearns	O. N. Stafford	A. R. Robinson			John P. Ferns
1870	W. J. A. DeLancey*	Henry W. Dyer	H. E. Hamilton	Wm. H. Long			John P. Ferns
1871	W. J. A. DeLancey	H. E. Hamilton	Wm. H. Long	Wm. E. Ginther*	John O'Neil	John McLarey	John P. Ferns
1872	H. E. Hamilton	John D. Hamilton	L. A. Hamblin*	Joseph Dixon*	M. S. Bowman	G. W. Hartman	John P. Ferns
1873	H. E. Hamilton	John D. Hamilton	M. S. Bowman	L. A. Hamblin*	G. Brinkmeier	H. Hohnsheidt*	John P. Ferns
1874	John D. Hamilton	R. T. Higgins.*	J. B. Trull	H. Hohnsheidt*	Ira A. Church*	Isaac E. Hardy	John P. Ferns
1875	John D. Hamilton	R. T. Higgins	George Rawson	George Barry*	Paul Ziemsen	John P. Norvell*	John P. Ferns
1876	John M. Pearson*	H. C. Cleveland*	George Rawson	James H. Crandall	Wm. E. Avise	E. Bornemann	John P. Ferns
1877	John M. Pearson	H. C. Cleveland	George Rawson	Adolph Shire	C. M. Grammar	H. B. Davidson	John P. Ferns
1878	Alfred Sample*	Frank A. Halliday	A. M. Bennett	James Strong	J. L. Wallar*	Gilbert R. Smith	John P. Ferns
1879	Alfred Sample	Geo. W. Hamilton	James L. Scott	Morris R. Locke	B. J. Van Court	William Floto	John P. Ferns

1880	Samuel Rawson	Geo. W. Hamilton	James L. Scott	Morris R. Locke	B. J. Van Court	J. S. McClelland*	John P. Ferns
1881	Samuel Rawson	Chas. H. Brennan	T. D. Palmer	Geo. W. Hamilton	B. F. Mason	J. S. McClelland	John P. Ferns
1882	Leroy A. Goddard	Rowley Page*	Geo. W. Hamilton	J. S. McClelland*	A. B. Wicker	S. T. Webber	John P. Ferns
1883	Leroy A. Goddard	Rowley Page	Geo. W. Hamilton	S. T. Webber*	Eugene L. Stoker*	H. C. Murrah	John P. Ferns
1884	Leroy A. Goddard	Thos. S. Mather*	Geo. W. Hamilton	A. B. Wicker	W. O. Butler	J. G. Marston	R. R. Stevens*
1885	Leroy A. Goddard	Thos. S. Mather	Geo. W. Hamilton	A. B. Wicker	J. G. Marston	Benj. Steingardt	R. R. Stevens
1886	Leroy A. Goddard	Thos. S. Mather	Geo. W. Hamilton	Joseph Dixon*	John Schofield	R. D. Lawrence*	R. R. Stevens
1887	John O'Neill	Thos. S. Mather	A. J. Harbers	E. A. Kratz	Daniel Stewart	C. S. Gurney	R. R. Stevens
1888	John O'Neill	J. E. Evans*	Daniel Stewart	Chester S. Gurney	George W. Warvelle	Henry R. Phinney	R. R. Stevens
1889	John O'Neill	John W. Rose*	C. S. Gurney	Thos. Worthington			R. R. Stevens
1890	John O'Neill	John W. Rose	A. W. Hitchcock	Thos. Worthington	Wm. Jackson		R. R. Stevens
1891	John O'Neill	Eugene L. Stoker*	Thos. Worthington	Wm. Jackson	A. W. Hitchcock	C. H. Starkel	R. R. Stevens
1892	John O'Neill	Andrew J. Benson	A. W. Hitchcock	Wm. Jackson	Chas. H. Starkel	R. T. Spencer‡	R. R. Stevens
1893	Geo. M. Moulton	Andrew J. Benson	A. M. Boring	Wm. H. Johnson	J. M. Montgomery*	F. E. Eubeling	R. R. Stevens
1894	Geo. M. Moulton	Andrew J. Benson	H. C. Mitchell	Wm. H. Johnson	A. M. Boring	Harry C. Purdy	R. R. Stevens
1895	E. C. Pace*	C. E. Allen	John Lingo	W. W. Bruce	W. W. Watson	A. M. Boring	R. R. Stevens
1896	E. C. Pace	C. E. Allen	W. W. Bruce	Adam Ortseiffen	J. S. McClelland*	W. H. Johnson	R. R. Stevens
1897	C. E. Allen	H. C. Clarke*	Geo. W. Hamilton	W. W. Watson	J. S. McClelland	S. Coffinberry	R. R. Stevens
1898	C. E. Allen	H. C. Clarke	Geo. W. Hamilton	W. W. Watson	J. S. McClelland	S. Coffinberry	R. R. Stevens
1899	Haswell C. Clarke*	Louis Zinger	J. S. McClelland*	W. W. Watson	G. W. Hamilton	G. S. Hummer	R. R. Stevens
1900	Louis Zinger	Jos. D. Everett	J. S. McClelland	G. W. Hamilton	Geo. S. Hummer	I. M. Hornbacker	R. R. Stevens
1901	Jos. D. Everett	James McCredie	J. S. McClelland	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes*	W. M. Burbank	Wm. L. Orr*
1902	Jos. D. Everett	James McCredie	J. S. McClelland	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	W. M. Burbank	Wm. L. Orr
1903	Walter Watson	Wm. H. Lathrop	W. M. Burbank*	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	C. Rohrbough*	Wm. L. Orr
1904	Walter Watson	Norman Mesnard	W. M. Burbank	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	C. Rohrbough	C. S. Gurney
1905	Henry L. Whipple	Lawrence C. Johnson	W. M. Burbank	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	C. Rohrbough	C. S. Gurney
1906	Henry L. Whipple	Lawrence C. Johnson	H. S. Albin	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	C. Rohrbough	C. S. Gurney
1907	Henry L. Whipple	Lawrence C. Johnson	H. S. Albin	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	C. Rohrbough	C. S. Gurney
1908	Henry L. Whipple	Lawrence C. Johnson	H. S. Albin	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	C. Rohrbough	C. S. Gurney
1909	T. E. Gillespie	W. H. Peak	H. S. Albin	G. W. Hamilton	Charles F. Tenney	James L. Scott	C. S. Gurney
1910	T. E. Gillespie	W. H. Peak	H. S. Albin	R. G. Bright	Charles F. Tenney	James L. Scott	C. S. Gurney
1911	S. S. Borden	Harris Levy	H. S. Albin	G. W. Tipsword	Charles F. Tenney	Ed. L. Willits	C. S. Gurney
1912	S. S. Borden	Harris Levy	H. S. Albin	G. W. Tipsword	Charles F. Tenney	Ed. L. Willits	C. S. Gurney
1913	S. S. Borden	N. J. Cary	H. S. Albin	Alonzo Ellis	Charles F. Tenney	C. M. Fike	C. S. Gurney
1914	S. S. Borden	N. J. Cary	H. S. Albin	Alonzo Ellis	Charles F. Tenney	C. M. Fike	C. S. Gurney
1915	E. Edwin Mills	Norman J. Cary	Alonzo Ellis	George W. Tipsword	Tim Van Antwerp	Charles F. Tenney	C. S. Gurney
1916	E. Edwin Mills	Norman J. Cary	Alonzo Ellis	George W. Tipsword	Tim Van Antwerp	Charles F. Tenney	C. S. Gurney

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MASONIC LITERATURE.

The Grand Secretary desires to thank the editors of the following magazines and papers for kindly supplying this office with their publications during the past year, in exchange for our proceedings. We shall be happy to exchange with all Masonic publications and papers having a Masonic department:

Bohemia Lodge Compass—1817 Loomis St., Chicago, Ill.
Chicago Lodge Record—422 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.
Crane's Circular—29 E. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.
Masonic News—Peoria, Illinois.
Masonic Standard—New York, New York.
Masonic Voice and Review—265 La Salle St., Chicago, Illinois.
Missouri Freemason—St. Louis, Missouri.
Oriental Lodge Notes—2121 N. Clark St., Chicago.
Palestine Bulletin—68 Griswold St., Detroit, Michigan.
Square and Compass—Denver, Colorado.
Square and Compasses—New Orleans, Louisiana.
Temple Topics—Masonic Temple, Englewood, Illinois.
The American Freemason—Storm Lake, Iowa.
The Builder—Masonic Research Society, Anamosa, Iowa.
The Duluth Calendar—Duluth, Minnesota.
The Illinois Freemason—Bloomington, Illinois.
The Illinois Masonic Review—Arcola, Illinois.
The Inter-State Freemason—203 Hall Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
The Masonic Chronicler—431 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois.
The Masonic Observer—Minneapolis, Minnesota.
The Masonic Review—Tacoma, Washington.
The Masonic Trowel—Little Rock, Arkansas.
The New England Craftsman—Boston, Massachusetts.
The Tennessee Freemason—Nashville, Tennessee.
The Texas Freemason—San Antonio, Texas.
Thomas J. Turner Lodge—4006 Warwick Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Masonic Trowel—Memphis, Tenn.
The Master Mason—404 Ridge Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
Cornerstone Call—912 N. La Salle St., Chicago.
Masonic World—1407 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.
Justice—3348 W. 60th St., Chicago.
Masonic Token—37 Plum St., Portland, Me.

DETAILED REPORT

OF

THE BUSINESS OF THE GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE

OCTOBER, 1915 to 1916

TOGETHER WITH

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS and REPORTS

OF

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS
and GRAND EXAMINERS

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

CHICAGO, ILL., DEC. 1, 1915.

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of all Constituent Lodges, A. F. & A. M. of Illinois:

Dear Brethren:—

The following schools will be held during 1916:

State Schools

Carbondale, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 11, 12 and 13.

Peoria, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday January 25, 26 and 27.

Decatur, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 8, 9 and 10.

Rock Island, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 22, 23 and 24.

Rockford, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 7, 8 and 9.

The above schools will be in charge of the entire board of grand examiners.

District Schools.

Danville, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday, January 18, 19 and 20.

Mendota, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 18, 19 and 20.

Olney, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 19, 20 and 21.

Watseka, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 1, 2 and 3.

Galesburg, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 1, 2 and 3.

Jacksonville, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 16, 17 and 18.

Freeport, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 29, March 1 and 2.

Eldorado, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday, February 29, March 1 and 2.

Belleville, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 29, March 1 and 2.

Chicago, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday, March 21, 22 and 23.

These schools will be conducted under the charge of at least one member of the board of grand examiners, assisted by grand lecturers.

The schools of instruction are provided by the grand lodge for the purpose of familiarizing the craft with the forms and ceremonies of the conferring of degrees, and for general dissemination of information with reference to masonry. During each school the third degree will be ex-

emplified and it is urged that each lodge send a representative to at least one of the schools, and if necessary provide for the payment of his expenses.

The grand master and grand secretary will be present at each state school and will be delighted indeed to meet the representatives from the various lodges and to discuss any matters of importance.

The grand master will be officially received on the evening of the second day of each state school and will provide special features for that occasion. It is intended that the evening of the second day shall be given over to social and intellectual masonry, and an able speaker will be present to address the lodge.

The grand orator has promised to attend one or more of the schools, and the grand master has the promise of other eloquent and learned masons to attend on these occasions.

Each grand lecturer, in order that his commission shall be renewed, must attend one of these schools. Those expecting to be examined for commissions as grand lecturers, will find the schools of instruction very beneficial to them. In each instance the state schools will be opened at 9:00 o'clock and there will be three sessions daily.

It is ordered that this circular be read in open lodge at the first stated meeting after it is received.

Fraternally yours,

RALPH H. WHEELER,
Grand Master.

Attest:

ISAAC CUTTER,
Grand Secretary.

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION.

An examination for commission as grand lecturer will be held at Auditorium Lodge Hall, Chicago, on Thursday and Friday, December 30 and 31, commencing promptly at 9:00 a. m., each day. This examination will be in charge of the board of grand examiners.

Brethren who desire to take advantage of this opportunity to be examined should secure the necessary blanks from the secretary of the board, S. C. D. Rea, Benton, Illinois. After they have been filled out they should be forwarded to the grand master, and must be in his hands at least three days prior to the time of holding the examination.

The grand lodge is very glad to have a large number of commissioned brethren, but it expects those who receive this distinction to maintain the high standard of proficiency which has been established by our board of grand examiners.

Fraternally yours,

RALPH H. WHEELER,
Grand Master.

Chicago, December 3, 1915.

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION.

An examination for commission as grand lecturer, will be held at Bloomington, Ill., on Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10, commencing promptly at 9 a. m. each day, and will be conducted by the board of grand examiners. Presumably this will be the last examination of the year.

It is necessary that those desiring to take the examination, show suitable proficiency, not only in the ritual, but in the rod movements and floor work as well.

Necessary blanks may be secured from the secretary, S. C. D. Rea, Benton, Ill., and should be sent to the grand master, at least three days prior to the date of the examination.

Fraternally yours,

RALPH H. WHEELER,
Grand Master.

Attest:
ISAAC CUTTER,
Grand Secretary.

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION.

An examination for those desiring to be commissioned as grand lecturers will be held at the Auditorium Masonic Hall, 64 E. Congress St., Chicago, on March 24, 1916. This is immediately following the Chicago district school, which will be held at the same hall on March 21, 22, 23, and which will be conducted by the entire board of grand examiners.

Those desiring to take the examination, should have their papers in the hands of the grand master, at least three days prior to the date named and present themselves before the board of examiners at 9:00 o'clock sharp, on March 24, at the above named hall.

Necessary blanks may be secured from the secretary of the board, S. C. D. Rea, Benton, Ill.

Fraternally yours,

RALPH H. WHEELER,
Grand Master.

Attest:
ISAAC CUTTER,
Grand Secretary.

This letter was addressed to the Worshipful Masters of the lodges in Cook County.

CHICAGO, ILL., MARCH 11, 1916.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

You have undoubtedly received an announcement from the district deputy grand masters of Cook County, of the district school of instruction, to be held March 21, 22 and 23, in Auditorium hall, in which it was stated that the "grand master would be present on Wednesday afternoon of March 22, 1916, at which time he desires to meet the masters and wardens of all of the Cook County lodges."

I am writing you at this time to emphasize the fact that I want a representative of your lodge, in the person of yourself, if possible, and if not convenient for you to be there, I want you to delegate one of the wardens of your lodge to come, as there are some matters of inportance that I expect to discuss on this occasion. The grand secretary will undoubtedly be there and will have something to say, and there will be other officers of the grand lodge present, who will have a word or two for you.

Trusting that you will make it your duty to be present if possible, and if not, that you will send a representative in the person of one of your wardens, I am,

Fraternally yours,

RALPH H. WHEELER,
Grand Master.

P. S. I expect to speak at 3:00 instead of 4:00 o'clock as announced.

CHICAGO, ILL., FEBRUARY 23, 1916.

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of Cook County:

Brethren:—

Your attention is directed to the school of instruction which will be held at the Auditorium Masonic hall in the city of Chicago, on March 21, 22 and 23. This school will be in charge of the entire board of grand examiners, and it is hoped that all of the officers and many of the members of the Cook County lodges will avail themselves of this opportunity to acquire greater proficiency in our ritual.

The work for the school has been arranged as follows: On Tuesday the first degree will be exemplified; on Wednesday the second degree, and on Thursday the third degree, with actual candidates in the evening of each day.

In addition to securing ritualistic proficiency and greater knowledge of masonic law and usages, this school offers you the opportunity of developing the social and fraternal side of masonry, by enabling you to

become better acquainted with the grand officers, grand examiners and district deputies, and with the officers and bretaren of the various Cook County lodges.

All officers and members are urged to give this school their hearty support. Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, our grand master, will be present at the Wednesday afternoon session on March 22, and desires to meet the masters and wardens of all the Cook County lodges at four o'clock that afternoon. Please bring this matter before your lodge and let us all co-operate to make this school a genuine success both from a ritualistic and fraternal standpoint.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT N. HOLT,
JAMES A. STEVEN,
RICHARD E. KROPF,
CLAUDE R. GROVER,
JOSEPH J. SHAW,
NICHOLAS E. MURRAY,
LOUIS PICKETT,
JOHN F. SCHOTT,
District Deputies.

CAIRO, ILL., DEC. 6, 1915.

Dear Brother:—

It is the desire of the M. W. grand master that the committee on chartered lodges shall handle your reports and hence you are requested to *mail the same to the undersigned.* Code No. 166 provides for your ANNUAL report *to the M. W. grand master.* The committee will check the same and tabulate the information therein contained. Your attention is called to Code No. 165, and the grand master is anxious that you should personally make the inspection and use great care in making your reports so that the data will express the exact condition of each lodge.

Your attention is especially directed to the report made by this committee at the last session of the grand lodge, which you will find printed in the proceedings. Reference to the same will give you an idea of the scope of this work, and your particular attention is called to some errors and discrepancies on the part of many of the lodges. In view of the fact that it is possible that some of these lodges may be located in your district it is hoped that you will pay special attention to this report and if errors, omission or discrepancies are shown in any of the lodges in your district, that you will have the same corrected. Blank form for your report is enclosed herewith and you will assist the committee very much in their work

if you will forward the same to the undersigned soon after your official visit is made, being sure to have the *last* one in our hands prior to the *first day of August*, 1916.

Fraternally,

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES,

By.....

Chairman.

CHICAGO, ILL., NOV. 17, 1915.

Dear Brother—

It affords me great pleasure to tell you that your commission as R. W. district deputy grand master of the district in which you reside is going to you by mail today under another cover.

It pleases me greatly to make this appointment. In doing so I have in mind your fitness to discharge the many important duties which must necessarily come to you.

The lodges in your district will be notified of your appointment which makes it unnecessary for you to communicate with them in this regard.

Your attention is directed to Code 165, and in addition to the duties therein contained, I urge it upon you to encourage all lodges in your district to strictly observe the requests contained in my letter to all lodges in the state, which is self explanatory. A copy accompanies this letter to you.

Many of the questions submitted to the grand master, I am told, are simple ones and can be easily answered by reference to the code. These should not reach the grand master's office at all. There are others which may be more complex and the law may not be plain and may admit of more than one interpretation. In instances of this kind you are requested to submit the question to the resident grand lodge officer who will make the necessary investigation and if the case requires will bring same to my attention. I fully realize that this is a method that has not been in practice before, but believe it will be productive of the best results; consequently I urge a strict observance of the rule. In this connection I desire to state that I am mindful that emergencies may arise when this rule cannot be followed and call upon you to use your judgment in all cases.

Harmony is the strength and support of all institutions, especially ours. One of the most important duties that I urge upon you is to promote harmony, not only in the individual lodge, but among the various lodges, and most of all a spirit of harmony and friendliness between the various lodges and the grand lodge. Too often when an officer of the grand lodge visits a lodge there is a feeling of awe created as if there were an inspection being made and a fault going to be found. I am especially anxious that this

feeling shall be dispelled and one of intimate friendship created. Convince the lodges that you, as the representative of the grand lodge, are the best friend they have, and you will have accomplished all.

The three divisions of the state and the resident grand lodge officer of each are:

FIRST DIVISION:—The first sixteen districts, Nos. 1 to 16 inclusive, and the German speaking lodges in that territory, under the supervision of Bro. Elmer E. Beach, R. W. junior grand warden.

SECOND DIVISION:—The next seventeen districts, Nos. 17 to 33 inclusive, and the German speaking lodges in that territory, under the supervision of Bro. Austin H. Scrogin, R. W. deputy grand master.

THIRD DIVISION:—The last seventeen districts, Nos. 34 to 50 inclusive, under the supervision of Bro. Dan G. Fitzgerrell, R. W. senior grand warden.

With sincere best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

RALPH H. WHEELER,
Grand Master.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Constituent Lodges:

At the meeting of the most worshipful grand lodge ofAncient Free and Accepted Masons held in the city of Chicago, October 12, 13, and 14, 1915, the following resolution was introduced:

WHEREAS, Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors, but judges him by his intrinsic worth and character; and

WHEREAS, Masonry considers all men, who are free born, of good report, and well recommended as equals and seek to obliterate the distinctions created by the outside world rather than accentuate the same; and

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of this grand body that some of the constituent lodges, in what may perhaps be a laudable zeal for novelty, have announced meetings as being under the direction of, or as being those of, brethren belonging to some particular business, profession or calling and have, on occasions, caused the ritualistic work to be done exclusively by members of some particular business, profession or calling and, in some instances, have had those doing such ritualistic work dressed in the costume peculiar to such business or calling; and

WHEREAS, This practice tends to accentuate and parade, worldly wealth, honors, titles or distinctions and tends to attract the attention of the brethren to the standing of their fellows in some worldly craft rather than directing their attention to the only craft which should be considered in connection with ritualistic work, namely, the masonic craft;

Therefore, Be it resolved, That such practice be, and the same is hereby disapproved by this grand body; and that constituent lodges be, and they are hereby directed not to announce any meeting or meetings as devoted to, or in charge of members of any particular business, profession or calling, nor to permit the ritualistic work at any meeting to be done exclusively by members of some particular business, profession or calling especially if the brethren engaged in such calling wear a distinctive costume suggestive of their vocation.

The resolution was, by action of the grand lodge, referred to the jurisprudence committee.

The jurisprudence committee presented the following report which was adopted by the grand lodge:

With respect to the resolution referred to this committee, relating to the conferring of degrees under the unusual conditions and characterized by the spectacular display as recited in the said resolution and is preamble, your committee is of the opinion that Code 347 supplies adequate legislation to render such methods and display unlawful and recommends the adoption of the resolution accordingly.

Inasmuch as it is apparent that this legislation, which was enacted at the last annual meeting of the grand lodge, is either not universally known or not comprehended by some of the lodges, your committee fraternally recommends that the M. W. grand master issue his edict indicating the necessity of a strict observance of this particular provision of the laws of this grand lodge, and the disciplinary measures to be invoked following a non-compliance therewith.

Therefore, in compliance with the above action of the grand lodge, I, Ralph H. Wheeler, grand master of the most worshipful grand lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Illinois, by virtue of the power in me vested by the grand lodge, do issue and promulgate this edict, prohibiting lodges appointing certain nights, calling them special nights, for the purpose of conferring degrees in the lodge in the uniform or dress of different organizations or trades.

Masters of lodges are hereby charged with the enforcement of the above edict and will be held strictly responsible for the violation of any of its restrictions.

It is hereby ordered that this edict be read in full in open lodge at the first stated meeting after it shall be received, and that it shall be entered in full upon the records of each lodge as a part of the proceedings of said lodge at the meeting at which it is read.

Given under my hand and seal of the most worshipful grand lodge this 17th day of November, A. D. 1915, A. L. 5915.

RALPH H. WHEELER,
Grand Master.

CHICAGO, ILL., NOV. 17, 1915.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Constituent Lodges:
Brethren:—

In assuming the executive function of the office of grand master I find it necessary to call upon the craft at large to assist me.

It is essential that I should continue in my usual vocation. Consequently I must assign certain hours of the day for masonic calls, and ask the brethren to keep this in mind and when it is necessary to consult the grand master, to make their visits to him during these hours. I shall, as far as possible, be at my office from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock p. m., each day, during which hours I shall be glad to receive visitors and to give personal attention to any matters that the brethren desire to present.

District deputy grand masters are appointed to represent the grand master in each district. They have been selected because of their fitness to act in that capacity. The officers of the lodges are requested to submit all matters to the district deputy grand master before bringing them to the grand master.

I feel that I should not be called upon until the district deputy grand master has been consulted.

Strict attention to this rule will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

RALPH H. WHEELER,
Grand Master.

CHICAGO, ILL., NOV. 17, 1915.

PROCLAMATION.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Constituent Lodges:
Brethren:—

At the annual meeting of the most worshipful grand lodge held in October, 1914, the following amendment to Code 667 was offered. It was seconded by the representatives of more than twenty lodges and referred to the committee on legislation:

667. Every lodge in this jurisdiction, on or before the first day of August each year, shall pay into the treasury of the grand lodge, through the grand secretary, the sum of one dollar for each master mason belonging to such lodge at the time of making the annual returns. Of this one dollar the sum of fifty-five cents shall be for the general fund and forty-five cents for the charity fund, subject to such appropriations from time to time as the grand lodge may direct.

At the annual meeting of the grand lodge held in 1915, the committee on legislation reported favorably on the proposed amendment and it was adopted by the grand lodge.

In order that all may know of the action of the grand lodge, it is hereby ordered that this letter be read in full at the first stated meeting after it is received.

Yours fraternally,

RALPH H. WHEELER,
Grand Master.

BRO. WILLIAM HAYES SCOTT

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, STATE OF ILLINOIS, 1881-1882
Born September 5, 1830; died December 30, 1915

BROTHER WILLIAM HAYES SCOTT

was a man of sterling character—that is to say, masonic character.

As a citizen, as a minister of the gospel, as a soldier, and as a mason, he was ever loyal, efficient and honorable. During a singularly long and useful career he won and retained the confidence, the admiration and the love of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He was what the world calls a self-made man.

Left in poverty and thrown upon his own resources before attaining his majority, he never faltered in seeking the essentials necessary to the development of a well-rounded and fully equipped manhood. His persistency in the pursuit of knowledge; his unswerving devotion to the principles of right-thinking and of right living; the purity and unselfishness of his motives; and the liberality and unostentatious character of his charities, render his life worthy of the most zealous emulation by those who would win a niche in the hall of fame or merit a place in the hearts of men.

A familiarity with the story of Bro. Scott's early struggles and their rich rewards will prove an incentive and an inspiration to all who would travel onward and upward.

It is evident that the building of a highly moral and Christian character was the lofty ideal to which our brother aspired.

Arriving at the age of eligibility, he forthwith petitioned and became a member of the craft; and upon receiving masonic light—that most expressive symbol of intelligence and of truth—he perceived that masonry was primarily an institution of learning, and as he progressed, there grew before his vision, clothed in symbolic form, those virtues and ideals, to the attainment of which he subsequently devoted his energies. Here was a youth transported by the genius of freemasonry. With a ready and impres-

sionable mind he absorbed its unerring and life-giving precepts, and those precepts he wisely made "a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his path."

Brother Scott believed and taught that it is in the essence of masonic ethics that the brethren should improve and conserve their time—that every moment devoted to culture and philanthropy is a moment jeweled with the highest good; a mason should seek the truth and disseminate its wholesome seed; should accept the reproofs and rewards with equal poise; should endeavor to strengthen the arm of friendship and effect conciliation among men; and that he should apply his talents, accomplishments and possessions to the advancement of enlightenment and the general happiness of mankind. In the practice of these traits and benevolences, the deceased brother was exemplary in an eminent degree.

A glance at the brief biography appended will aid in the summing up of the life and character of this noble and scholarly mason.

The remains of our late brother rest at Presidio cemetery, San Francisco, Cal., and were buried with military honors. Masonic funeral rights were solemnized on the evening of January 3, 1916, at the masonic temple, Alameda, Cal., by Oakwood Grove lodge, No. 215, F. & A. M., at which time a phonograph record of masonic prayer rendered some twelve years previously by the deceased brother was made a part of the services.

Bro. William Hayes Scott was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1830. His parents came from New Castle, England, and for a few years lived in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, removing thence to Covington, Kentucky. From Covington, they moved to Portsmouth, Ohio, where his father conducted a flouring mill for a time. Closing his business in Portsmouth, he built a mill in Lawrence Co., Ohio, where he engaged in the same business for a number of years. In 1843 he sold his mill and went to Manchester, Adams Co., Ohio, and built another mill. From here he moved to Brandenburg, Meade Co., Kentucky. In this place his father died in 1849, while his son William was still in his boyhood. Thus William commenced life under very strenuous conditions, for a large share of the support of the family depended upon him, he being the second son.

Engaging in various pursuits in the place where his father died, he finally went into the wharfage business. Closing this business, he, with his mother, brother and sisters, in June 1853, removed to Metropolis, Illinois, and settled in Metropolis on the bank of the Ohio river for a short time engaged in mercantile pursuits. When Metropolis was incorporated, he was elected mayor and served several times. He was city clerk for several years and contributed largely in framing the ordinances of the city government.

He was active and successful in business and in 1861, was appointed county superintendent of the public schools of Massac county and served in that capacity for twelve years. He was appointed by the county board for

two terms and elected by the voters of the county for two terms. At the close of the last term, the school board of Metropolis City, Illinois, made him superintendent of the schools of the city.

In 1874, he was admitted into the southern Illinois conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and stationed at the following churches: Woodlawn, Jefferson county; Troy, Madison county; Edwardsville, Madison county; Salem, Marion county; Sparta, Randolph county.

At the close of his pastorate at Sparta, 1884, he was recommended by Capt. John R. Thomas, Gen. John A. Logan, Senator Shelby Cullom, Gen. John C. Smith, Robert Lincoln, secretary of war, and others for post chaplain of U. S. army, and was commissioned as such and ordered to report to the commanding officer at Presidio, San Francisco, California, for assignment to duty. The adjutant-general ordered him to report to the commanding officer of Benicia Barracks, California, for duty. He remained on duty at this post until May, 1890.

In May, 1890, he was ordered to report to Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, Fort Du Chesne, Utah, for duty. This was on the Ute Indian agency. He reported May 29, 1890.

He remained in the service at Fort Du Chesne, Utah, until September 9, 1897, and was then retired from active service with the army and he returned to California, making his home at Alameda.

He was made a master mason in Harrison lodge, No. 122, F. & A. M., in Brandenburg, Ky., in 1851, from which lodge he dimitted in 1853 and became a member of Metropolis lodge, No. 91, A. F. & A. M., where his membership was to the end. For several years he held the offices of senior deacon, junior and senior wardens in Metropolis lodge and 1873, he became worshipful master of the lodge. He was exalted in Vienna chapter, No. 67, May 22, 1865. A charter member of Metropolitan chapter, No. 101, he was principal sojourner for several years and high priest in 1871. He was a charter member of Gethsemane commandery, No. 41, and prelate of the commandery for four years. He was knighted in Kane commandery, No. 13, Cairo, Ill., Jan. 28, 1871.

He was grand chaplain of the grand lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Illinois from 1872 to 1874; grand representative of the grand lodge of Virginia 1880-1884; grand representative of Utah in 1881, and was elected most worshipful grand master of the masons of Illinois, in October, 1880. He was re-elected to this office in October, 1881. He was an honorary member of Fortitude lodge, No. 47, La Grange, Ky. Honorary member of Harrison lodge, No. 122, Brandenburg, Ky., and was grand chaplain of the grand chapter of Illinois from 1872 to 1883.

He was married to Miss Miranda Peter in Metropolis, Ill., in 1854 and had two children—Kitty and Walter H. Scott. He was married again in

1862 to Miss Mary J. Leek of Massac county, Illinois, who died in California, May 12, 1908.

He spent the last years of his life on the Pacific coast, doing what he was able for the welfare of mankind. He was an enthusiastic, earnest and faithful laborer in connection with the church, the craft and the country he loved so well.

He leaves to the fraternal attention of his brethren, one daughter, Mrs. Kitty Scott Bryant, widow of Major Cullen Bryant, U. S. army.

It is hereby ordered that this memorial be read in full at the first stated meeting after its receipt and the usual emblems of mourning be displayed in all lodge rooms throughout this jurisdiction for a period of thirty days.

RALPH H. WHEELER,
Grand Master.

ISAAC CUTTER,
Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATION FEES.

In General.

Lodge	Amount
Woodlawn Park No. 841	$ 2.00
Blueville No. 647	2.00
Ravenswood No. 777	2.00
Welcome No. 916	2.00
Blaney No. 271	2.00
Old Glory No. 975	2.00
Columbian No. 819	2.00
Bohemia No. 943	2.00
Fernwood No. 971	2.00
Dallas City No. 235	2.00
Hyde Park No. 989	2.00
Trowel No. 981	2.00
Welfare No. 991	2.00
Geneva No. 139	2.00
Circle No. 938	2.00
North Shore No. 937	2.00
Rockford No. 102	2.00
Composite No. 879	2.00
Elwood No. 919	2.00
Waterman No. 728	2.00
Hinckley No. 301	2.00
Makanda No. 434	2.00
Austin No. 850	2.00
Nebo No. 806	2.00
Columbus No. 227	2.00
Allendale No. 752	2.00
Tadmor No. 794	2.00
Lake View No. 774	2.00
Rockford No. 102	2.00
America No. 889	2.00
Union No. 627	2.00
Genoa No. 288	2.00
Mt. Vernon No. 31	2.00
Milford No. 168	2.00
Reynoldsburg No. 419	2.00
Welcome No. 916	2.00
Blandinsville No. 233	2.00
N. D. Morse No. 346	2.00
Gardner No. 573	2.00
Toledo No. 834	2.00
Stellar No. 912	2.00
Gillespie No. 214	2.00
Cherry Valley No. 173	2.00
Xenia No. 485	2.00
St. Andrew's No. 863	2.00
Stratton No. 408	2.00
Cisco No. 965	2.00
Wyanet No. 231	2.00
Brotherhood No. 986	2.00
Dills No. 295	2.00
Greenup No. 125	2.00
Pontiac No. 294	2.00
Princeton No. 587	2.00
Stark No. 501	2.00
Chandlerville No. 724	2.00
Sandoval No. 932	2.00
Amity No. 472	2.00
Momence No. 481	2.00
Sidney No. 347	2.00
Keystone No. 639	2.00
Flat Rock No. 348	2.00
Orient No. 323	2.00
Elkhart No. 903	2.00
Equity No. 878	2.00
Union Park No. 610	2.00
Hyde Park No. 989	2.00
Hyde Park No. 989	2.00
Rio No. 685	2.00
Accordia No. 277	2.00
Taylor No. 98	2.00
Maywood No. 869	2.00
Germania No. 182	2.00
Waldeck No. 674	2.00
Ogden Park No. 897	2.00
Herder No. 669	2.00
Kenwood No. 800	2.00
Urbana No. 157	2.00
Mithra No. 410	2.00

Lodge	Amount	Lodge	Amount
D. C. Cregier No. 643	2.00	Trio No. 57	2.00
Lessing No. 557	2.00	Hesperia No. 411	2.00
Dearborn No. 310	2.00	America No. 889	2.00
Chicago No. 437	2.00	Illinois Central No. 178	2.00
Pyramid No. 887	2.00	Columbian No. 819	2.00
Keystone No. 639	2.00	Cedar No. 124	2.00
Blueville No. 647	2.00	Leyden U. D.	2.00
Emblem No. 984	2.00	Kenwood No. 800	2.00

From New Lodges.

Leyden Lodge U. D.	$100.00
True Blue Lodge U. D.	100.00
Lawndale Lodge U. D.	100.00
Sunrise Lodge U. D.	100.00
Paul Revere Lodge U. D.	100.00
Integrity Lodge U. D.	100.00
Morgan Park Lodge U. D.	100.00
Baylis Lodge U. D.	100.00
Wayfarers Lodge U. D.	100.00
Fortitute Lodge U. D.	100.00
Portage Park Lodge U. D.	100.00
	$1,100.00

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

Welfare Lodge No. 991, Chicago, Illinois.

October 19, 1915.

Occasional Grand Lodge.

Harry W. Harvey.....as M. W. Grand Master
David D. King.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Maxwell Levy.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
James A. Steven.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Theodore E. Gurney.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
William H. Beckman.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
Andrew O. Novander.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Fred A. Frosch.....as R. W. Grand Orator
Otto J. Gondolf.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
William H. Bied.....W. Grand Marshal
Henry Friedman.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
John H. Engwall.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
Louis Pickett.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Francis M. Cruikshank.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Leo Swartz.....as W. Grand Steward
Charles J. Weiskopf.....as W. Grand Steward
Smyth Crooks.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
Herman Adler.....as *Symbol Bearer
Frank C. Holman.....as *Symbol Bearer
John Zink.....as Symbol Bearer
Alfred C. Hong.....as Symbol Bearer
Otto W. L. Teichler.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

Emblem Lodge No. 984, Chicago, Illinois.

October, 20, 1915.

Occasional Grand Lodge.

Harry W. Harvey.....as M. W. Grand Master
David D. King.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Samuel Wohl.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Gus F. Ziv.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Isaac J. Grass.....as R. W. Grand Treaserer
Emanuel Weil.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
Andrew O. Novander.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
I. Milton Kohn.....as R. W. Grand Orator
William Phillips.....as W. Grand Pursuivant

William H. Bied.....W. Grand Marshal
Leopold Apple.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Charles H. Crowell.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
Louis Pickett.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Homer D. Jackson.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
John Mutter.....as W. Grand Steward
Samuel Liebmann.....as W. Grand Steward
Leo Michael.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
Charles Koekoek.....as *Symbol Bearer
Samuel B. Goldberg.....as *Symbol Bearer
Samuel Spiro.....as *Symbol Bearer
Louis L. Kahn.....as *Symbol Bearer
Chester S. Gurney.....Bro. Grand Tyler

TROWEL LODGE NO. 981, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

OCTOBER 22, 1915.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

David D. King.....as M. W. Grand Master
Harry W. Harvey.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Arthur E. Wood.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Elmer E. Beach.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Albert Roullier.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Roscoe C. Clark.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
William G. Houghton.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Benj. W. Schotton.....as R. W. Grand Orator
Theodore E. Gurney.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
William H. Bied.....W. Grand Marshal
Joseph T. Mlnarik.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Ernest Lindenthal.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
M. Bates Iott.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Harvey E. Nighthart.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Leonidas B. Dyer.....as W. Grand Steward
Edwin H. Oxley.....as W. Grand Steward
Marshall B. Duncan.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
Llyod G. Owen.....as *Symbol Bearer
Elmer C. Anderson.....as *Symbol Bearer
Hugh P. Jones.....as *Symbol Bearer
Claude M. Marvin.....as *Symbol Bearer
Otto W. L. Teichler.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

UNIVERSAL LODGE NO. 985, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

OCTOBER 23, 1915.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

William H. Bied.....as M. W. Grand Master
Chauncey F. Newkirk.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
David D. King.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Elmer E. Beach.....R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Theodore E. Gurney.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Emanuel Weil.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
Andrew O. Novander.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Rev. R. Keene Ryan.....as R. W. Grand Orator
Henry M. Robinson.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
Harry W. Harvey.....as W. Grand Marshal
Henry H. Morris.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Leopold Apple.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
Albert Jampolis.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Louis Pickett.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Homer D. Jackson.....as W. Grand Steward
John B. Bruce.....as W. Grand Steward
David S. Davidson.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
Harry R. Tuttle.....as *Symbol Bearer
Ernest N. Reul.....as *Symbol Bearer
Walter J. Flesch.....as *Symbol Bearer
Adolph E. Boyer.....as *Symbol Bearer
Otto W. L. Teichler.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

GLENCOE LODGE NO. 983, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS.

OCTOBER 25, 1915.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

David D. King.....as M. W. Grand Master
Harry W. Harvey.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Albert Roullier.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Elmer E. Beach.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
James A. Steven.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
William H. Beckman.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
George S. Palmer.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Horace G. Smith.....as R. W. Grand Orator
Andrew Novander.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
M. Bates Iott.....as W. Grand Marshal
Richard D. Schuettge.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer

Joseph J. Ashton.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
William G. Houghton.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
C. F. Newkirk.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Louis Pickett.....as W. Grand Steward
Louis J. Frahm.....as W. Grand Steward
Henry Robinson.....as W. Grand Steward
Homer Jackson.....as W. Grand Steward
David S. Davidson.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
Geo. M. Chandler.....as *Symbol Bearer
Ernest C. Dillon.....as *Symbol Bearer
Sherman M. Goble.....as *Symbol Bearer
Herbert H. Scherer.....as *Symbol Bearer
Roscoe C. Clark.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

Sincerity Lodge No. 982, Chicago, Illinois.

October 26, 1915

Harry W. Harvey.....as M. W. Grand Master
Louis Pickett.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Andrew O. Novander.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
James A. Steven.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
John F. Schott.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Albert Jampolis.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
Thomas G. Kerwin.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Edward J. Brundage.....as R. W. Grand Orator
Louis Reinecker.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
David D. King.....as W. Grand Marshal
John Mutter.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Otto J. Gondolf.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
Louis J. Frahm.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Fred C. Mau.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Homer D. Jackson.....as W. Grand Steward
William H. Beckman..... as W. Grand Steward
Edwin H. Oxley.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
Robert W. Simpson.....as *Symbol Bearer
Nelson M. Whipple.....as *Symbol Bearer
Edwin A. Battle.....as *Symbol Bearer
Wesley Wright.....as *Symbol Bearer
Chauncey F. Newkirk.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

CYRENE LODGE NO. 987, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

OCTOBER 29, 1915.

Wm. H. Bied.....as M. W. Grand Master
Louis Pickett.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
D. D. King.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
R. G. Askley.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Leopold Apple.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Jas. H. Lillie.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
A. O. Novander.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
C. F. Newkirk.....as R. W. Grand Orator
H. W. Cooper.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
M. B. Iott.....as W. Grand Marshal
Robt. Anderson.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
J. P. Bicket.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
H. W. Harvey.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
H. D. Jackson.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
J. A. Briegel.....as W. Grand Steward
C. H. Crowell.....as W. Grand Steward
W. H. Baird.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
W. L. Newman, Jr.....as *Symbol Bearer
G. W. Nagel.....as *Symbol Bearer
Frank Metz.....as *Symbol Bearer
F. G. Hewitt.....as *Symbol Bearer
O. W. L. Teichler.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

HYDE PARK LODGE NO. 989, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

OCTOBER 30, 1915.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

Harry W. Harvey.....as M. W. Grand Master
Louis Pickett.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Louis J. Frahm.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Jacob Schwartz.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Gus F. Ziv.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Isaac J. Smit.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
Andrew O. Novander.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Isidor Goldstein.....as W. Grand Orator
Emanuel Weil.....as W. Grand Pusuivant
David D. King.....as W. Grand Marshal
Charles Gohl.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Leo Michael.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer

Charles H. Crowell.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Henry Friedman.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Thomas G. Kerwin.....as W. Grand Steward
John Mutter.....as W. Grand Steward
William Phillips.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
Jonas Karlsberg.....as *Symbol Bearer
Michael S. Apter.....as *Symbol Bearer
Frank S. Marx.....as *Symbol Bearer
Charles Herron.....as *Symbol Bearer
Otto W. L. Teichler.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

Brotherhood Lodge No. 986, Chicago, Illinois.

November 3, 1915.

Occasional Grand Lodge.

Harry W. Harvey.....as M. W. Grand Master
David D. King.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Claude R. Grover.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Homer D. Jackson.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Oliver J. Graham.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Albert Jampolis.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
Andrew O. Novander.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Julius R. Kline.....as R. W. Grand Orator
William Phillips.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
William H. Bied.....W. Grand Marshal
Leopold Apple.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Felix Von Wysow.....W. Grand Sword Bearer
Louis Pickett.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Charles H. Crowell.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Louis J. Frahm.....as W. Grand Steward
William H. Beckman.....as W. Grand Steward
Lewis E. Hamberg.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
William J. Bartholf.....as *Symbol Bearer
Maurice M. Jacobs.....as *Symbol Bearer
Frank A. Fucik.....as *Symbol Bearer
Geo. L. Meservey, Jr.....as *Symbol Bearer
Chester S. Gurney.....Bro. Grand Tyler

PARK RIDGE LODGE NO. 988, PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS.

NOVEMBER 5, 1915.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

Wm. H. Bied.....as M. W. Grand Master
Harry W. Harvey.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Louis Pickett.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
C. R. Grover.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Carl Solomon.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Archibald Birse.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
A. O. Novander.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Andrew N. Engle as R. W. Grand Orator
G. Schneberger.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
Charles H. Crowell.....as W. Grand Marshal
N. Eley.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Felix Von Wysow.....W. Grand Sword Bearer
John Bruce as W. Senior Grand Deacon
B. W. Durham.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Fred Johnsen.....as W. Grand Steward
Leopold Apple.....as W. Grand Steward
Louis J. Frahm.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
August W. Luebbe.....as *Symbol Bearer
Waldo P. Dickinson.....as *Symbol Bearer
Charles Rosbach.....as *Symbol Bearer
Dan Brewster Heartt.....as *Symbol Bearer
O. W. L. Teichler.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

CLOVER LEAF LODGE NO. 990, HERRICK, ILLINOIS.

NOVEMBER 8, 1915.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

L. A. Tripp.....as M. W. Grand Master
Joseph W. Mackenzie.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
J. C. McCaled.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
A. B. Hall.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
H. H. Morgan.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
R. E. Voris.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
C. W. Deremiah.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
M. T. Lee.....as R W. Grand Orator
Hohn McKnight.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
C. P. Diefenthaler.....as W. Grand Marshal
B. W. Lamb.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer

Edward Sallee.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
John J. Rumor.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Harry Hinton.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
A. C. Yates.....as W. Grand Steward
Harry W. Beeles.....as W. Grand Steward
Ben Price.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
W. Clark.....as *Symbol Bearer
O. C. McIntosh.....as *Symbol Bearer
J. A. Hendricks.....as *Symbol Bearer
Archie Steele.....as *Symbol Bearer
Walter Donaldson.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

ANCHOR LODGE NO. 980, DANVILLE, ILLINOIS.

NOVEMBER 10, 1915.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

C. L. Sandusky.....as M. W. Grand Master
David N. Fowler.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Otto R. Schultz.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
John Fairchild.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Chas. E. Olmstead.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
James P. Sutton.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
G. Haven Stevens.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
W. H. Pundt.....as R. W. Grand Orator
Z. S. Saylor.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
D. E. Bruffett.....as W. Grand Marshal
John Cathcart.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Wm. H. Hawkins.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
Robert Pettigrew.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Herbert Krauel.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Harry Ludwig.....as W. Grand Steward
Clyde Baldwin.....as W. Grand Steward
O. J. Chapman.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
John W. Telling.....as *Symbol Bearer
Hugh H. Luckey.....as *Symbol Bearer
C. U. Noble.....as *Symbol Bearer
Geo. W. Telling.....as *Symbol Bearer
Otto Teichler.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

CORNER STONES.

Township High School, Jerseyville, Illinois.

October 26, 1915.

Occasional Grand Lodge.

Ralph H. Wheeler M. W. Grand Master
H. T. Burnap as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Fred W. Delano as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
John N. Stone as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Augustus H. Cohran as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Isaac Cutter R. W. Grand Secretary
Rev. W. S. Neely as R. W. Grand Chaplain
W. E. Williams as R. W. Grand Orator
R. S. Dixon as W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. H. Bied W. Grand Marshal
Guy Lowenstein as W. Grand Standard Bearer
T. F. Chamberlain as W. Grand Sword Bearer
John W. Beaty as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Augustine Christy as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Alonzo Ellis W. Grand Steward
Alexander M. Cheney as W. Grand Steward
William A. Boner as W. Grand Steward
S. G. Brown as W. Grand Steward
Ray A. Hamilton as Master of the Oldest Lodge
J. G. Erwin as †Principal Architect
O. W. L. Teichler as Bro. Grand Tyler

Masonic Temple, Danville, Illinois.

April 26, 1916.

Occasional Grand Lodge.

Ralph H. Wheeler M. W. Grand Master
J. E. Jeffers as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
H. P. Blose as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Arthur E. Wood as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Frank Smedley as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Isaac Cutter R. W. Grand Secretary
G. Haven Stevens as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Rev. R. Keene Ryan as R. W. Grand Orator
George J. Kurzenknabe W. Grand Pursuivant

William H. Bied.....W. Grand Marshal
Chas. E. Olmsted.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
D. W. Griner.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
C. W. Cofer.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
C. L. Sandusky.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
D. E. Bruffett.....as W. Grand Steward
Z. S. Sailor.....as W. Grand Steward
G. E. Chamberlain.....as W. Grand Steward
W. A. Dixon.....as W. Grand Steward
O. J. Chapman.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
L. F. W. Stuebe.....as †Principal Architect
Chester S. Gurney.....Bro. Grand Tyler

Virden Masonic Temple, Virden, Illinois.

June 7, 1916.

Occasional Grand Lodge.

Edward W. Peterson as M. W. Grand Master
W. P. Wall.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
F. O. Lorton.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
F. Z. Everett.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
C. R. Rohrer.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
E. P. Kimball.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
Chas. W. Kessler.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Alexander H. Bell.....as R. W. Grand Orator
C. H. Ross.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
William H. Bied.....W. Grand Marshal
B. C. Corr.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Albert Cobb.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
A. M. Shutt.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Ray Krebaum.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
E. R. Riedle.....as W. Grand Steward
L. P. Bradley.....as W. Grand Steward
F. J. Bradley.....as W. Grand Steward
W. E. Aldeson.....as W. Grand Steward
J. N. Ross as Master of the Oldest Lodge
L. F. Becker..... as †Principal Architect
C. S. Gurney.....Bro. Grand Tyler

Masonic Temple, Ipava, Illinois.

July 6, 1916.

Occasional Grand Lodge.

Ralph H. Wheeler M. W. Grand Master
B. L. Ten Eyck as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
S. P. Odenweller as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
L. W. Morton as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
C. E. Baumgardner as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Isaac Cutter R. W. Grand Secretary
J. A. Coleman as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Walter Gillam as R. W. Grand Orator
G. W. Reese as W. Grand Pursuivant
N. E. Murray as W. Grand Marshal
Jos. Strickler as W. Grand Standard Bearer
C. H. Chridy as W. Grand Sword Bearer
E. A. Rowe as W. Senior Grand Deacon
S. G. Divilbiss as W. Junior Grand Warden
Frank Basil as W. Grand Steward
Fred Parks as W. Grand Steward
Fred C. Smith as W. Grand Steward
C. H. Hamilton as W. Grand Steward
J. D. McHose as Master of the Oldest Lodge
H. V. Johnson as †Principal Architect
Albert J. Struebing as Bro. Grand Tyler

Rogers Park Masonic Temple, Rorers Park, Illinois.

July 15, 1916.

Occasional Grand Lodge.

Ralph H. Wheeler M. W. Grand Master
Richard E. Kropf as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
James Steven as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Elmer E. Beach R. W. Junior Grand Warden
E. D. Brothers as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Isaac Cutter R. W. Grand Secretary
Joseph J. Shaw as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Robert N. Holt as R. W. Grand Orator
George Kurzenknabe W. Grand Pursuivant
William H. Bied W. Grand Marshal
G. Langhery as W. Grand Standard Bearer
F. Von W. Wysow W. Grand Sword Bearer

E. Edwin Mills.....W. Senior Grand Deacon
Edward H. Thomas.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Herbert C. Raeder.....as W. Grand Steward
W. E. Overend.....as W. Grand Steward
Wm. Mummery.....as W. Grand Steward
A. C. Henderson.....as W. Grand Steward
W. T. Young.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
E. S. Sommers.....as †Principal Architect
N. E. Murray.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, ARTHUR, ILLINOIS.

JULY 20, 1916.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

Isaac Cutter.....as M. W. Grand Master
A. E. Wood.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
W. A. Dixon.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
S. A. Wright.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
M. E. Bigelow.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
C. D. Robinson.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
G. D. Lawrence.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
R. Keene Ryan.....as R. W. Grand Orator
B. A. McBride.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
J. E. Jeffers.....as W. Grand Marshal
E. F. Cahill.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
G. E. Reeder.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
M. R. Jones.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
K. D. Greefe.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
F. M. Groves.....as W. Grand Steward
B. H. Whitlock.....as W. Grand Steward
W. P. Chandler.....as W. Grand Steward
H. T. Smith.....as W. Grand Steward
John Jones.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
J. H. Hanson.....as †Principal Architect
W. S. Marble.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

LAKEVIEW HOSPITAL, DANVILLE, ILLINOIS.

JULY 21, 1916.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

Isaac Cutter.....as M. W. Grand Master
C. W. Cofer.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
D. G. Fitzgerrell.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
H. P. Blase.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
O. J. Chapman.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
W. H. Pundt.....as R. W. Grand Secretary
G. H. Stevens.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
W. R. Jewell, Jr.....as R. W. Grand Orator
Chas. E. Olmsted.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
J. E. Jeffers.....as W. Grand Marshal
J. P. Sutton.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
D. W. Griner.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
C. L. Sandusky.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
D. W. Bruffet.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
W. R. Hornada.....as W. Grand Steward
C. M. Karns.....as W. Grand Steward
W. E. Balsling.....as W. Grand Steward
W. L. Kimball.....as W. Grand Steward
A. F. Johnston.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
G. W. Ludwig.....as †Principal Architect
W. E. Marble.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

MASONIC HALL, NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1916.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

Ralph H. Wheeler M. W. Grand Master
H. H. Benjamin.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Chauncey W. Reed.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
C. A. Ashley.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Claude V. Laffler.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Isaac Cutter.....R. W. Grand Secretary
H. E. Woodward.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Alfred A. Randell.....as R. W. Grand Orator
C. F. Wm. Schultz.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
William H. Bied.....W. Grand Marshal
C. H. Wright.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Felix Von Wysow.....W. Grand Sword Bearer

Edward Enck.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
C. V. Wellner.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
John Eisele.....as W. Grand Steward
Ernest Reck.....as W. Grand Steward
J. A. Bell.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
E. J. Shepardson.....as †Principal Architect
Chester S. Gurney.....Bro. Grand Tyler

South Chicago Masonic Temple, South Chicago, Illinois.

September 16, 1916.

Occasional Grand Lodge.

Ralph H. Wheeler M. W. Grand Master
Nicholas E. Murray.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Edward W. Peterson.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Elmer E. Beach.....R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Robert J. Daly.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Isaac Cutter.....R. W. Grand Secretary
R. Keene Ryan.....R. W. Grand Chaplain
Oscar A. Kropf.....R. W. Grand Orator
George Kurzenknable.....W. Grand Pursuivant
William H. Bied.....W. Grand Marshal
Harland S. Sylvester.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Felix Von Wysow.....W. Grand Sword Bearer
I. J. McDowell.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Charles Watson.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
John F. Schott.....as W. Grand Steward
Robert P. Pegram.....as W. Grand Steward
Chas. C. Healy.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
Clarence Hatzfeldt..... as †Principal Architect
Chester S. Gurney.....Bro. Grand Tyler

DEDICATIONS.

Lawndale Masonic Temple Lodge Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

October 16, 1915.

Occasional Grand Lodge.

Ralph H. Wheeler M. W. Grand Master
Edw. W. Peterson as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Harry W. Harvey as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
George S. Palmer as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
David D. King as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Isaac Cutter R. W. Grand Secretary
Rev. R. Keene Ryan R. W. Grand Chaplain
Rev. Charles A. Griggs as R. W. Grand Orator
George J. Kurzenknabe W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. H. Bied W. Grand Marshal
Edward H. Thomas as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Felix Von Wysow W. Grand Sword Bearer
E. E. Mills W. Senior Grand Deacon
F. N. Chamberlain as W. Junior Grand Deacon
N. E. Murray as W. Grand Steward
Louis Pickett as W. Grand Steward
J. L. Klemme as Master of the Oldest Lodge
Clarence Hatzfeldt as †Principal Architect
R. W. Haupt as *Symbol Bearer
A. Lester as *Symbol Bearer
C. H. Coles as *Symbol Bearer
E. S. Licence as *Symbol Bearer
Chester S. Gurney Bro. Grand Tyler

Circle Masonic Lodge Hall, So. Oak Park, Illinois.

December 4, 1915.

Occasional Grand Lodge.

Ralph H. Wheeler M. W. Grand Master
Nicholas E. Murray as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Edw. W. Peterson as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Albert A. Jampolis as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Jason Lewis as R. W. Grand Treasurer
J. W. Black as R. W. Grand Secretary
A. O. Novander as R. W. Grand Chaplain

Andrew J. Redmond.....as R. W. Grand Orator
George J. Kurzenknabe.....W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. H. Bied.....W. Grand Marshal
Theodore E. Gurney.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Felix Von Wysow.....W. Grand Sword Bearer
E. Edwin Mills.....W. Senior Grand Deacon
Edw. H. Thomas.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
A. L. Seas.....as W. Grand Steward
Willis McFeeley.....as W. Grand Steward
John F. Schott.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
E. E. Roberts.....as †Principal Architect
James A. Simmons.....as *Symbol Bearer
John B. Miller.....as *Symbol Bearer
David D. Cooper.....as *Symbol Bearer
Charles A. Crowley.....as *Symbol Bearer
Chester S. Gurney.....Bro. Grand Tyler

La Grange Masonic Hall, La Grange, Illinois.

January 27, 1916.

Occasional Grand Lodge.

Ralph H. Wheeler.....M. W. Grand Master
Austin H. Scrogin.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master
N. E. Murray.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Albert Jampolis.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Jos. J. Shaw.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Isaac Cutter.....R. W. Grand Secretary
Rev. A. F. Clark.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Fred B. Silsbee.....as R. W. Grand Orator
George Dixon.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. H. Bied.....W. Grand Marshal
Claude R. Grover.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Felix Von W. Wysow.....W. Grand Sword Bearer
E. Edwin Mills.....W. Senior Grand Deacon
Robert N. Holt.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Louis Pickett.....as W. Grand Steward
Jas. A. Steven.....as W. Grand Steward
Louis L. Emmerson..... as Master of the Oldest Lodge
Robert C. Fletcher.....†Principal Architect
W. M. Beers.....*Symbol Bearer
E. M. Cassady.....*Symbol Bearer
F. E. Byron.....*Symbol Bearer
G. S. Jamieson.....*Symbol Bearer
Edw. W. Peterson.....as Bro. Grand Tyler

AUBURN PARK HALL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

FEBRUARY 12, 1916.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

Ralph H. Wheeler M. W. Grand Master
Louis Pickett as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Nicholas E. Murray as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Robert N. Holt as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Joseph J. Shaw as R. W. Grand Treasurer
James A. Steven as R. W. Grand Secretary
Rev. R. Keene Ryan R. W. Grand Chaplain
Oscar A. Kropf R. W. Grand Orator
George J. Kurzenknabe W. Grand Pursuivant
William H. Bied W. Grand Marshal
Robert C. Fletcher as W. Grand Standard Bearer
J. K. Lambert as W. Grand Sword Bearer
Edw. W. Peterson as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Wm. H. Robson as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Joseph A. Briegel as W. Grand Steward
Joseph W. Taylor as W. Grand Steward
John F. Schott as Master of the Oldest Lodge
Robert R. Pegram as †Principal Architect
D. J. Burgan as *Symbol Bearer
T. G. Dongal as *Symbol Bearer
A. C. Eden as *Symbol Bearer
A. McAlonan as *Symbol Bearer
Chester S. Gurney Bro. Grand Tyler

ROCKFORD MASONIC TEMPLE HALL, ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS.

MARCH 6, 1916.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

Ralph H. Wheeler M. W. Grand Master
Austin H. Scrogin R. W. Deputy Grand Master
John R. Patterson as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Robert N. Holt as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
James M. Huff as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Isaac Cutter R. W. Grand Secretary
C. P. Coolidge as R. W. Grand Chaplain
Robert Rew as R. W. Grand Orator
Walter Van Alstaine as W. Grand Pursuivant
William H. Bied W. Grand Marshal

W. S. Harper.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
A. H. Marshall.....as W. Grand Sword Bearer
Maxwell Levy.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
R. C. Davenport.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
S. C. D. Rea.....as W. Grand Steward
E. E. Smith.....as W. Grand Steward
Anthony Doherty.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
Walter Keyt.....as †Principal Architect
W. E. Jaycox.....as *Symbol Bearer
P. S. Powell.....as *Symbol Bearer
W. B. Taylor.....as *Symbol Bearer
D. D. Madden.....as *Symbol Bearer
Chester S. Gurney.....Bro. Grand Tyler

MASONIC TEMPLE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS.

MAY 13, 1916.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

Ralph H. Wheeler.....M. W. Grand Master
E. R. Swanson.....as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
J. W. Scott.....as R. W. Senior Grand Warden
F. J. Jarden.....as R. W. Junior Grand Warden
E. Hall.....as R. W. Grand Treasurer
Isaac Cutter.....R. W. Grand Secretary
B. C. Lewis.....as R. W. Grand Chaplain
A. H. Bell.....as R. W. Grand Orator
F. Kohl.....as W. Grand Pursuivant
William H. Bied.....W. Grand Marshal
W. P. Wall.....as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Felix Von Wysow.....W. Grand Sword Bearer
E. W. Hilker.....as W. Senior Grand Deacon
A. M. Porter.....as W. Junior Grand Deacon
R. B. Scott.....as W. Grand Steward
James Kerr.....as W. Grand Steward
J. B. Ervin.....as W. Grand Steward
R. R. Buckler.....as W. Grand Steward
E. Johnson.....as Master of the Oldest Lodge
J. Lampert.....as †Principal Architect
C. Hjelm.....as *Symbol Bearer
C. Courtright.....as *Symbol Bearer
R. B. Studebaker.....as *Symbol Bearer
I. H. Reily.....as *Symbol Bearer
Chester S. Gurney.....Bro. Grand Tyler

REPORTS OF R. W. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST DISTRICT.

CHICAGO, ILL., SEPT. 28, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—As district deputy of the first district I wish to report to you that I have visited all my lodges and made the regular reports upon the same. In most instances I have visited the lodges at least twice and in several instances many times during the year.

From the standpoint of ritualistic work the condition is very gratifying in nearly every instance. Most of the lodges in the district have among their membership some one or more brethren who have perfected themselves in the work and hold commissions as grand lecturers. Schools of instruction are conducted during the winter months in nearly all of the lodges and the large number of petitions being received makes it possible for the officers to perfect themselves in the ritualistic work.

From a financial standpoint conditions are good. No lodge is in debt and the annual reports will show that a number of them are not only meeting their current expenses but are laying aside money in considerable amounts. It is to be hoped that these lodges which have grown in wealth and influence, will see their way clear to unite in some Masonic project which will be a fitting monument to our institution.

One particularly pleasing feature is the fact that so many of the lodges in the district are splendidly housed. Many of them are in buildings devoted exclusively to masonic purposes, erected and owned by the lodges or their membership. Several of the lodges in this district are now actively engaged in building projects, while in others the subject is being seriously considered.

Great good has been accomplished during the year through personal visits made by you to more than half of the lodges in this district. It seems a splendid thing for the membership to come personally in contact with the grand lodge officials and I trust that during the future years of the lodges of this district will be favored frequently by visits from members of the Grand Lodge.

As might be expected, in a few instances, irregularities have presented themselves, but these have, in each instance, been promptly presented to you for consideration and I feel that the brethren have tried to co-operate in an effort to better conditions where the irregularities have been brought to their attention.

Thanking you for the many courtesies extended by you during the year, I am,

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT N. HOLT,
D.D.G.M. First District.

SECOND DISTRICT.

CHICAGO, ILL., SEPT. 8, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I herewith submit my report as district deputy grand master of the second masonic district, for the past year.

I am pleased to say that the lodges in this district are in a prosperous condition, and the spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevails. I have visited every lodge in the district, some of them several times, have assisted in the work, and have given such advice and aid as seemed proper or necessary. Everywhere I have been received with the utmost courtesy and have enjoyed my intercourse with the brethren. Detailed reports of the material condition of these lodges have previously been made.

Acting as your special deputy I have had the honor of instituting two new lodges, viz., Leyden lodge, U. D., on November 3, 1915, and Portage Park lodge, U. D., on July 19, 1916, detailed reports of which have heretofore been sent you. The work of these lodges has been noted from time to time, and the manner in which it has been done and the accuracy of their records should result in a full approval of their efforts.

In conclusion, permit me to congratulate you on the success of your administration, to express my appreciation of the honor you conferred on me, and to voice the hope that I have proved myself worthy of the confidence you have reposed in me.

Wishing you continued success, and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,

JAMES A. STEVEN,
D.D.G.M. Second District.

THIRD DISTRICT.

CHICAGO, ILL., SEPT. 18, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—Pursuant to custom and in compliance with the laws of our grand lodge I take pleasure in submitting my report as district

deputy grand master of the third district. I have visited practically all the lodges in my district, many of them several times, and have already made detailed reports as to their condition and the recommendations which I made to them.

Speaking for the lodges in my district collectively, they are in a splendid condition financially and fraternally. They have maintained a high standard of ritualistic proficiency, and harmony and good fellowship prevail. They have cheerfully complied with several salutary suggestions made by you, all tending to add to the dignity and influence of masonry. Your many visits, official and otherwise, aided by the efforts of your deputies, have brought the grand lodge and various subordinate lodges closer together than they have ever been before, and created a most gratifying spirit of co-operation.

In conclusion, I desire to thank you for the confidence which you have reposed in me, and with renewed assurances of my readiness to help you at all times, in advancing the interests of masonry, I am,

Fraternally yours,

RICHARD E. KROPF,
D.D.G.M. Third District.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

CHICAGO, ILL., SEPT. 7, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In submitting my report as your representative in the fourth district during the past year I desire, first of all, to express my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred upon me. I have made an earnest endeavor to merit the confidence reposed in me by promoting to the fullest possible extent those policies which you have outlined.

I have visited all of the lodges in my district and have made a detailed report of each. These reports indicate a most pleasing spirit of harmony, a condition of splendid prosperity and a well sustained interest in the upbuilding and welfare of the craft.

As your proxy it was my privilege to institute Morgan Park lodge, U. D., on May 19, a report of which was made to you at that time.

I am pleased to report that I have been most courteously received everywhere and that a gratifying spirit of co-operation has been evident. Without a single exception the lodges in the fourth district have shown a disposition to work in harmony with each other and with the grand lodge, and wherever your criticism has been necessary I am sure it has been the result of errors of the head rather than of the heart.

With sincere congratulations upon the success of your administration and with best wishes for you in your further masonic undertakings, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

CLAUDE R. GROVER,
D.D.G.M. Fourth District.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

CHICAGO, ILL., SEPT. 8, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In submitting to you my report as your representative in the fifth district, I am pleased to state that nothing of a serious nature has occurred to mar the harmony which has ever prevailed among the lodges and brethren in this district.

I have visited each lodge in my district, some of them a number of times, and have always been received in a most cordial manner. I have found the secretaries to be efficient, and all the officers and brethren of the different lodges ready and willing to accept and abide by all suggestions offered by me.

The ritualistic work in all lodges is well up to the standard, and the few questions submitted to me have in most cases been disposed of by reference to the by-laws of the grand lodge.

Acting as your special deputy, I had the honor of instituting Paul Revere lodge, U. D., on April 20, 1916. I have also, at your request, visited Niagara lodge, U. D., during the past year and assisted and made such suggestions as I deemed necessary, and from the strict observance of the standard work and the efficient manner in which their records are kept, I would recommend that full approval of their labors be awarded these new lodges.

Permit me to offer my congratulations upon your very successful administration, and to thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

Fraternally yours,

JOS. J. SHAW,
D.D.G.M. Fifth District.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

CHICAGO, ILL., SEPT., 7, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I herewith submit my report as district deputy grand master sixth district for the masonic year now drawing to a close. During the year, as your representative, I have visited each of the twenty-three lodges in my district—some of them several times. I have inspected the records and accounts of each lodge and I have forwarded reports on same to the committee on chartered lodges.

In every lodge I was most cordially received and hereby express my appreciation of the cheerful co-operation of both officers and members of all the lodges in performing the duties assigned me. If the conditions in the other districts are the same as those prevailing in the sixth district, the craft in Cook County are to be complimented on the corps of able and painstaking men who are filling the office of secretary in the various lodges.

If I have any criticism to offer as to lodge records, it is with reference to annual reports, or rather lack of reports, of the finance committee of many of the lodges, and it has occurred to me that a standard form of annual reports of finance committees to their lodges if adopted by the grand lodge would be not only of great assistance to the officers of many lodges but a source of invaluable information to the grand lodge, which could be used for the betterment of the craft in general.

On January 26, 1916, acting as your proxy, I had the honor and pleasure of instituting Lawndale lodge, U. D. I have also had the pleasure of participating in the laying of the corner stones of two masonic temples, the dedication of four masonic temples, and attending two schools of instruction—these with installations of lodge officers, lodge visits and routine matters have made the year a busy one, but the hearty co-operation of the officers of the different lodges has tended greatly toward making my work a real pleasure. In conclusion, permit me to congratulate you on your administration of the office of grand master during one of the most harmonuious and successful years in the history of the grand lodge, and to express my appreciation for the honor you have conferred upon me in appointing me your deputy for the sixth district.

Fraternally yours,

NICHOLAS E. MURRAY,
D.D.G.M. Sixth District.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

CHICAGO, ILL., JUNE 1, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In presenting herewith my annual report, am pleased to say I have visited all the lodges in the seventh district at least once, and a number of them several times. I have been consulted frequently on matters of law, and found the blue book embraced all questions referred to me. I have recommended to the lodges that they furnish their officers with a blue book, that each may become more familiar with the law. All the lodges in the seventh district seem to be doing a fairly good amount of work, with exception of two, and they have recently taken on new life, and are receiving a few petitions. I believe I can say harmony prevails throughout the district, and that good fellowship is one of the characteristics enjoyed by all. In closing I desire to express my appreciation for your confidence in me, and to congratulate you on your successful administration. I am,

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS PICKETT,
D.D.G.M. Seventh District.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

WAUKEGAN, ILL., SEPT. 1, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In submitting my annual report for the eighth district there seems but little to say. No complications have arisen or questions have been asked which could not be readily solved by referring to the blue book.

It was my pleasure to install the officers of two lodges. At the request of the master I was present at a trial in one which was conducted in a most able manner by the master.

With but few exceptions the usual amount of work has been done and much improvement has been made. The financial condition appears good and good feeling as a whole prevails.

I have visited all of the Lake County lodges but have been unable to visit all of those in McHenry County.

Wishing you continued success in all your undertakings and thanking you for the honor conferred, I am,

Fraternally yours,

JAY L. BREWSTER,
D.D.G.M. Eighth District

NINTH DISTRICT.

BELVIDERE, ILL., SEPT. 1, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I beg leave to report for the year concerning matters masonic in the ninth district. During the year Star in the East lodge No. 166 dedicated their new temple, one of the finest and best appointed masonic buildings in Illinois, and the brethren of Rockford are entitled to all commendation for zeal displayed by them in securing this grand monument. In this building during the year the most successful and largely attended school was held, ever convened in this part of the state, if not in the history of the institution. Brethren John T. Buckbee, O. M. Brown and Fritz S. Larson, were the committee having this school in charge and to them is due the honor of its success. The various lodges in the district contributed toward paying the expenses of this school. The attendance included officers and members from each lodge, so that great and lasting good was accomplished. The extreme hot weather of the summer came at a time when I had planned to visit the lodges of the district and delayed me so that at this date I have not reached all of them, but will do so before the meeting of the grand lodge. I know, however, that harmony prevails in the district and that each lodge therein shows an increase in membership and interest. This is largely due to the schools of instruction held in this district during the last few years and, to my mind, is convincing evidence that they should be continued and supported. The new plan of devoting one evening of the schools to masonic addresses was a valuable innovation. No one who was present will ever forget the able address given by Bro. John D. Shoop at the Rockford school.

Congratulating you upon the success attending your administration and with best wishes for its continuance, I am,

Fraternally yours,

JAMES M. HUFF,
D.D.G.M. Ninth District.

TENTH DISTRICT.

WARREN, ILL., SEPT. 18, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

As you already have a report from each lodge in the district it is unnecessary to dwell upon the condition of the various lodges further than to say that with two exceptions the district is in a good healthy condition and has enjoyed a most prosperous year.

I have greatly enjoyed my work this year and have had a most cordial welcome from every lodge. I was called by Miners Lodge No. 273 to assist them in re-opening their lodge rooms, which they have remodeled and which are now as fine as you will find in the district. All lodges have been very busy the past year, and the new work is well liked.

We had a good attendance at the Rockford and also at the Freeport schools, and the different lodges think the Flag Ceremony fine and I want to thank you for your interest in this part of the work, which at once became so popular with the different lodges.

Thanking you for the courteous treatment you have extended me the past year, I am, Fraternally yours,

JOHN T. MILLER,
D.D.G.M. Tenth District.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

DEKALB, ILL., SEPT. 8, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—It is with pleasure that I am able to report to you a very prosperous year for nearly every lodge in the eleventh district.

I have been able to visit each lodge at least once, and some of them several times. It was unfortunate that I could not attend meetings in two of the lodges, but I checked up the records and talked with the masters and secretaries of both of these.

I had the pleasure of installing the officers of two lodges and seeing work performed by eleven of the seventeen lodges visited.

In all my visits I have met with the most cordial reception by officers and brethren. All suggestions or corrections made were accepted graciously. Under these conditions it has been a great pleasure to me to visit the lodges.

The custom of lodges exchanging visits, assisting in the work, etc., is being followed to a considerable extent. This I have encouraged at every opportunity.

One lodge had the good fortune to be given a very valuable piece of property on which it expects to erect a building as soon as possible. With this lodge owning its hall, there will be but seven lodges in the district which do not own entirely or in part their own halls.

I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and to congratulate you on the complete success of your administration.

Fraternally yours,

THOS. H. HOBBS,
D.D.G.M. Eleventh District.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

ELGIN, ILL., JUNE 13, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I respectfully submit to you the final annual report as it is to be printed in the proceedings of the grand lodge. As provided in the code, No. 165, grand lodge by-laws, I have again made an official visit on each of the twenty-two (22) lodges of the twelfth district, and have mailed to the chairman of the committee on chartered lodges, a detailed report after each call. Aside from that the work has not been of the nature that lends itself to much comment. General conditions are good, harmony seems to prevail and in many places there are evidences of growth and prosperity. Another gratifying matter that I consider worthy of mention here is that masonry is becoming more practical in these parts and it is astonishing to note the earnestness displayed among the officers and workers. These developments are surely most pleasing. I have also received quite a number of letters from the various lodges—questions pertaining to points of masonic laws—all of which were promptly answered and I believe correctly interpreted. This has been a saving of time to the grand master. Books and records have been examined and a decided improvement is shown in the keeping of them. The standard of work is good and now with expressions of appreciation for the honor conferred, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

C. F. WM. SCHULTZ,
D.D.G.M. Twelfth District.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

DIXON, ILL., JULY 31, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In submitting to you my official report for this year will say that conditions in the thirteenth district are very good.

I have visited every lodge in my masonic district, and in every instance have been accorded the greatest consideration by the officers and members present, and I am more than gratified at the warm reception I have received upon every such visit. General good feeling prevails, and masonic interest seems to be alive and active throughout the district.

During the year Bollen lodge, No. 412, A. F. & A. M., and Erie lodge No. 667, A. F. & A. M., were consolidated under the name of Erie lodge, No. 667, A. F. & A. M., and I, as your special deputy and proxy together with the assistance of the grand marshal and grand tyler, constituted the

new lodge and installed the officers thereof on December 20, 1915. The excellent work of the grand marshal and grand tyler in directing the ceremonies of constitution and installation made this occasion a most delightful and pleasant one for all. After the ceremonies were over a splendid banquet was served by the lodge. Toasts, speeches, reading and music were provided for the occasion and greatly enjoyed by all present. The officers and members of Erie lodge are to be congratulated upon the cleverness and dispatch with which they conducted the social and business affairs of the lodge on this special occasion.

On May 29th last, Rock River lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., of Sterling was signally honored by having as its guest our most worshipful grand master of masons of Illinois. This was an exceedingly happy and felicitous occasion and assembled together many brethren noted for their zeal and proficiency in the work, as well as grand lecturers and many brethren from neighboring lodges.

I have had quite a number of communications regarding various questions concerning masonic jurisprudence and in all cases have, by counsel and advice, adjusted the particular difficulties with entire satisfaction to all concerned.

I assure you that it is my earnest desire to encourage harmony and good feeling among the members and lodges of my district and that I shall endeavor to do so upon all occasions.

In closing this brief report permit me to thank you for the honor conferred upon me by the appointment, and to assure you of my sincere appreciation of the many other courtesies and considerations shown me.

Fraternally yours,

MARK C. KELLER,
D.D.G.M. Thirteenth District.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL., SEPT. 14, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—This has been a prosperous year in the fourteenth masonic district. Practically every lodge has shown an increase in membership. Peace and harmony have prevailed. One or two threatened ruffles have been smoothed over and acoute troubles forestalled. In these respects, an ounce of prevention will nearly always outweigh a pound of remedial discipline. As a rule, a little tact will avoid a serious rupture. The district has been honored with two official visits of the grand master, one at Rock Island at the time of the state school in February and the

second at Andalusia on June 24. Both resulted in further cementing the ties of brotherly love and friendship and in the edification of the brethren. We are deeply appreciative of these courtesies. The state school was a great success and the district is unanimously grateful for the recognition extended in assigning to it this honor. Since our last annual returns, one lodge found it necessary to surrender its charter, viz., Cordova, No. 543. This was done in December, 1915, and the district deputy assisted at the obsequies. Other official business has received attention as occasion required and the year closes with prospects for still further progress in the usefulness of our institution. All seems to be well in the fourteenth.

Thanking you for the honor of serving as your representative in this subdivision of our grand jurisdiction and congratulating you on the success of your administration, I am,

Fraternally yours,

CARLTON G. TAYLOR,
D.D.G.M. Fourteenth District.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

LACON, ILL., SEPT. 22, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In submitting my report from this the fifteenth masonic district, it gives me great pleasure to state that the lodges throughout the district are in the main prosperous. Improved means of travel have brought the lodges into closer touch with each other. The result is more uniform work and a broader masonic spirit. Two lodges in this district have recently been honored with your presence and doubtless you would attest to the good fellowship and fraternal interest which were in evidence. You will be gratified to learn that the lodges of this district are almost without exception very close to the standard in work and equipment and were most cordial in the reception and entertainment of your representative. Thanking you for the opportunity to become of greater service to the fraternity and assuring you of my personal loyality and esteem, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES W. COKER,
D.D.G.M. Fifteenth District.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

UTICA, ILL., SEPT. 14, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I have the pleasure to report prosperous conditions generally throughout the sixteenth district. Have visited every lodge in the district once, and a number of them several times. Outside of visits have had no official duties to perform. I have enjoyed the work and thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve you. I remain,

Fraternally yours,

J. F. BLAKESLEE,
D.D.G.M. Sixteenth District.

SEVENEENTH DISTRICT.

JOLIET, ILL., SEPT. 21, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—With great pleasure I hereby submit my somewhat "belated" annual report as district deputy grand master for the seventeenth district. The year has been one in which my services to employer have been most continuous and strenuous yet have found opportunity to fulfill my duties as your deputy to the best of my ability and as a result have enjoyed the work and added many valued acquaintances to my circle of friends and brothers in our great and growing order. Nothing of any nature has developed during the year which has caused any "feeling" or has been a hardship to rectify and all of our fifteen lodges are in harmony and concord and fulfilling to the best of their ability those duties and obligations which all master masons have assumed. It has been my pleasure and edification to sit in fourteen of our fifteen lodges and the inspiration it has been mine to receive, has repaid ten fold every effort to sit there. The entire district is prosperous and comfortably provided for and a brighter future never was in store for us than at present. Only on one or two occasions have I received your orders for special service and I feel confident your pleasure with what was accomplished was no less than my own, for which I am well pleased.

I most heartily endorse the policy of grand lecturers, it will result in much good along the lines of perfecting our ritualistic work, and doubtless there is a field to work in. I trust that if not voluntary accorded, you may see fit to order schools held in every locality and every district where in your judgment it will increase efficiency in officers and lodges.

It has been my pleasure to visit my district just as one of the brethren with every appearance of official dignity eliminated and with no notification

of visitation consequently I feel that I have obtained a knowledge of just what we are doing *all the time* and to say the least nothing less than human pride possesses my heart when I see the faithful brothers earnestly striving to exemplify the wonderful masonic life regardless of whether alone as a lodge or with visiting brethren. I shall visit all the brethren again and will always feel that I am one of the boys in each lodge.

I have endeavored to promote the visitation of lodges with each other and hope to see it become a real masonic virtue for to my mind it is productive, not only of social splendors but can be made an inspiration for excellence in degree work. This was on two different occasions demonstrated in our Joliet temple when No. 175 extended to all our district lodges an invitation to participate in what was termed a district worshipful master's night. The result was a revelation of what possibilities await us in these joyful meetings where no one is permitted to appear as a stranger.

In conclusion I desire to express to you, dear brother, the very great pleasure it gives me to know I have had one year of service with Bro. R. H. Wheeler, most worshipful grand master of our grand lodge, because I know masonry and all that pertains to its welfare is the constant watchword of his entire life and energy. I wish to say that from the greatest depths of heart I congratulate you and your year of splendid achievements in the instilation of yourself into the hearts of masons and trust it has been and will ever be as great a pleasure to you as to them. May your every effort in masonry be productive of worlds of benefit and pleasure to the craft which will be to you the happy reflections of a well-spent life and will assure you of that hope in a glorious immortality is the fervent wish of

Fraternally yours,

J. W. Brockway,
D.D.G.M. Seventeenth District.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

Sheldon, Ill., Sept. 5, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Bro. Wheeler:—I herewith submit my report as district deputy of the eighteenth masonic district.

While business prevented my visiting the lodges throughout the district as I should have done, yet I am able to state that masonry in this district is in a very prosperous condition.

A number of schools were held throughout the district during the winter and spring and among the most important was our district school held in Watseka on February 1, 2 and 3 with Bro. R. C. Davenport, grand examiner,

in charge. Your presence and the address given at this school was greatly enjoyed by everyone present. On the last day of this school we had the pleasure of having every district deputy in Cook County with us except one and the addresses given at night by Bros. Stevens and Holt were a fitting climax to one of the best schools ever held in this district—not altogether in attendance but from the interest manifested and the good accomplished. During the past season special interest has been given to the study side of masonry. The result of which is that several prominent masons have visited the district and addressed the lodges. We predict greater interest along this line the coming season.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred and I heartily congratulate you on your successful administration. With kindest personal regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,

WM. A. WARD,
D.D.G.M. Eighteenth District.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

SAUNEMIN, ILL., AUG. 20, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I am pleased to report that I visited, officially, all the lodges in the district, and mailed the official reports to Brother Phil C. Barclay as per instructions.

A great majority of the lodges have had a prosperous year in the way of an increase in membership, and all are in good financial condition. So far as I am able to learn, complete harmony prevails throughout the entire district.

Thanking you for the honor of representing you, I am,

Fraternally yours,

C. L. TANNER,
D.D.G.M. Nineteenth District.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

WASHBURN, ILL., SEPT., 11, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In reporting to you the condition of the lodges in the twentieth district I regret to say that circumstances have been such that I have visited, officially, only half of the lodges but expect to visit all

the rest before grand lodge. However, that does not mean that I have not been in touch with all of them all the time and know that the brethren are harmonious and the lodges are doing good work.

As one grand lecturer put it, "It can not be said of any lodge in the twentieth district 'It is a shame to take the money'."

The last year has seen the institution of a "standard club" in Peoria, from whose number have come two grand lecturers with good prospects for several more in the near future and they are going to be a great help to the lodges of Peoria and vicinity.

The state school at Peoria was a great disappointment when considered from a local attendance standpoint, owing, I am now convinced, to it being held in the consistory temple instead of the regular lodge room but it was a grand success when the number of grand lecturers and other grand officers in attendance is taken into consideration and it surely was an enthusiastic school.

The feature of this school was the lecture of Bro. Joseph Fort Newton which was simply grand and will be remembered by those present for years to come.

Princeville lodge suffered a total loss by fire last winter but instead of being downcast over the loss they redoubled their efforts and are now housed in a better home with all new furniture and are doing better work than ever.

The district as a whole is in fine shape, there is nothing wrong except your representative who is very thankful for the many favors received at your hands.

I want to congratulate you on your administration and thank you for the honor conferred upon me in making me a part of your household.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. H. IRELAND,
D.D.G.M Twentieth District.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

ALTOONA, ILL., SEPT. 12, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—As your representative of the twenty-first district I have the honor to submit my annual report.

I have had the pleasure of visiting each of the sixteen lodges of the district and on each occasion have received a most cordial welcome from the officers and brethren.

I find conditions in many of the lodges much improved over last year, and in all of them the officers and brethren ready and anxious to receive instruction and suggestions for the betterment of their work and the good of their lodges.

The most important event of the year was the district school of instruction held at Galesburg, February 1, 2 and 3 in charge of Bro. Anthony Doherty. Through the untiring efforts of Bro. Doherty the school was a grand success, the attendance was large and much interest manifested by all in attendance.

I have enjoyed my work the past year and wish to assure you that I greatly appreciate the honor you conferred upon me in appointing me your deputy of this district. Congratulating you on your successful administration and extending to you my kindest regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,

C. C. Sawyer,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-first District.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

Kirkwood, Ill., Sept. 7, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Bro. Wheeler:—I herewith submit my official report as your representative in the twenty-second district. It has been my pleasure to visit all of the lodges in the district and have greatly enjoyed these visits and the friendships formed.

The report of the lodges, sent in at the time of my visits, show pretty well the condition of the various lodges. I find in most cases the financial condition good and I believe more applications being received than common. The lodges for the most part appear to be working harmoniously and the officers endeavoring to do the work as taught by the board of grand examiners.

Probably the most enjoyable event in this district during the year was the annual picnic held at Keithsburg on June 24, there being in the neighborhood of one thousand present. At that time we had the great pleasure of listening to an address by Bro. Alexander H. Bell, M. W. past grand master.

In closing I wish to congratulate you on your very successful administration and thank you for the honor conferred on me, and I assure you it has been a great pleasure to have served you.

Fraternally yours,

F. E. Edgerton,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-second District.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

CANTON, ILL., SEPT. 20, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—It again becomes my duty to report to you concerning affairs in this district.

Generally, the last year has been a good one for the lodges under my supervision. Some that have been resting for quite a while have awakened and are showing signs of life by doing some work.

One lodge has held only half its stated meetings and has done no work; since it has a number of well posted members and is in fairly good territory, its condition is puzzling.

All the rest have made some growth, are prosperous to a greater or less extent and are looking for a good season of work during the coming winter.

Some of the lodges have much difficulty in getting and keeping a good secretary. This is a serious handicap and hard to remedy, but I presume it has ever been so and will continue.

Ipava lodge No. 213 lost their hall by fire last winter. They planned to rebuild and you will remember the corner-stone of their new hall was laid by yourself on the sixth day of last July. The building is now nearly completed and will be ready for dedication before long.

A district school of instruction was held at Canton in March. Under the capable direction of Bro. A. E. Wood, grand lecturer, it was very interesting and much good was done.

Visiting the lodges, assisting in the work and answering questions has been the extent of my labor.

With thanks for courtesies extended and wishing you abundant success, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

L. W. MORTON,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-third District.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

BOWEN, ILL., SEPT. 1, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I beg to submit my annual report as district deputy grand master of the twenty-fourth district.

I have been in every lodge in the district except one and it is with pleasure that I can report that peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the district, not only in each individual lodge, but also between neighboring lodges. All of the lodges seemed willing and ready to receive any suggestions or recommendations that would add to their efficiency, and while a few of the lodges are doing most excellent work, others are greatly in need of instruction, and in my opinion, the greatest advantage of masonry in this district would come through impressing upon the officers of each individual lodge the importance of perfecting themselves in the work of their respective stations or places.

I take this opportunity of thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, and also to congratuate you on your most masterly and efficient administration.

Fraternally yours,

ENOCH H. FLEMING,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-fourth District.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

NEW HOLLAND, ILL., AUG. 21, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I herewith submit my report of the lodges of the twenty-fifth district, a separate and detailed report of each lodge having been previously made to the committee on chartered lodges. During the year I have visited every lodge in the district at least once and some of them several times and in every instance I have received a most hearty welcome and every courtesy has been shown me by the officers and brethren.

So far as I am able to discover there is no discord among the brethren of the district and nothing has been brought to my attention requiring official action. Some of the lodges have been unusually active during the past year and all but two or three have done the usual amount of work.

Schools of instruction have been held at Pekin, Lincoln, Delavan, Hopedale and Mt. Pulaski.

It has been my privilege on various occasions to assist in conferring degrees and my association with the brethren has been, to me, very pleasant.

Thanking you for the honor conferred, I am, with best wishes,

Fraternally yours,

A. T. PETERS,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-fifth District.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., SEPT. 6, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In rendering my report as your deputy in the twenty-sixth district, there is little to report out of the ordinary.

If there has been anything of a serious nature to mar the peace and harmony of the lodges of this district, it has not been brought to my attention. While I have not been permitted to visit every lodge, as I should like to have done, have consulted with some official from every lodge on one or more occasions on questions of law or matters tending to lead to factional disturbances. As to the latter, it has been our aim to "preserve union, and judge in all causes amicably and mildly, preferring peace."

Our annual district school of instruction was held in January, and, as usual, was largely attended and productive of much good. Bro. A. H. Scrogin was in charge for the seventh time. A most interesting and instructive feature of the school was a lecture on the "Evolution of Freemasonry" by Bro. D. D. Darrah.

The most notable and pleasant event of the year was your visit to Bloomington Lodge, No. 43, in June, at which time the brethren of the district were invited to a reception tendered you and your board of grand examiners. The expressions of good fellowship and brotherly love on this occasion were unbounded and the brethren learned that after all the most worshipful master is only an individual mason who delights to come into personal contact and fraternize with all. It goes without saying that the board of grand examiners, those five good, efficient, approachable fellows, won the favor and esteem of all in attendance. There is another big welcome awaiting you all on your next visit to Bloomington.

Bespeaking for you the success you deserve in handling the affairs of your important office, and assuring you that I deeply appreciate the trust reposed in me, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

NIMROD MACE,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-sixth District.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

DANVILLE, ILL., JULY 24, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—As the masonic year is drawing to a close, I herewith submit my report as your representative in the twenty-seventh district.

It has been a great pleasure to me to visit the lodges in this district, in fact, I enjoyed it so much that I visited most of them twice and several of them three times. By doing so I have had a better opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted with conditions and sincerely hope I have been of some little service to the lodges.

The twenty-seventh district never had as prosperous a year's work as the records will show. All the lodges with possibly one or two exceptions have been very busy either in conferring degrees or in taking care of those things which should be done by a wide-awake lodge.

We have had several schools of instruction in the local lodges and a district school in Danville, which had in attendance at least one representative from every lodge in the district and the quality of the work has shown a decided improvement over former years. The laying of the corner-stone of the new masonic temple in Danville has started agitation in several other lodges and it will not be long before more lodges in the twenty-seventh district will be planning for new homes and more commodious quarters. The institution of which we are all so proud is fast coming into it own and promises to be a still greater power for good than ever before.

For the many courtesies extended to me in the past I sincerely thank you. Fraternally yours,

G. Haven Stevens,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-seventh District.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT

Champaign, Ill., Sept. 28, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Bro. Wheeler:—As the masonic year draws to a close I beg to advise prosperity and harmony throughout the twenty-eighth masonic district. Every lodge is working and in several cases misunderstandings have been straightened out and good feeling restored.

I have visited every lodge in the district and have been received with uniform courtesy and feel very much at home with all members of the craft.

I thank you for the honor you conferred upon me in this appointment and for the opportunity thus afforded me of forming new friendships in this district which to my mind is the best in the state of Illinois.

Congratulating you on your successful administration and wishing you added honors, I am, Fraternally yours,

F. R. Smedley,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-eighth District.

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

MAROA, ILL., SEPT. 28, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In submitting my report of this, the twenty-ninth district, will say, I have visited most of the lodges, but on account of ill health, was unable to complete my work.

Am glad to report that the lodges in this district are in good condition, and doing good work. The annual reports will show a nice increase in membership.

I conducted two schools of instruction, and visited several of the lodges a number of times, receiving a hearty welcome and very courteous treatment in all my visits.

Several successful schools were held in the district, and the state school of instruction, held in Decatur last March, which was reported by the board of grand examiners as one of the best and most successful schools of the year, was appreciated by the brethren of this district, and I feel that I would be ungrateful, did I not mention the loyalty, and splendid support of the three Decatur lodges at that time.

Many events of the year are worthy of mention, among them, the splendid work of Stephen Decatur lodge, while in possession of the famous traveling silver trowel. They visited many lodges, exhibiting the trowel, and conferring degrees for them, which created much enthusiasm, and resulted in much good.

May 30, 1916, was silver trowel day in Stephen Decatur lodge, Eldorado temple, Decatur. Degree work was conferred by lodges of four different grand jurisdictions, Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana, and Illinois. Nearly a thousand masons registered, and it was a day long to be remembered by all the brethren who were fortunate enough to attend.

Thanking you for the confidence reposed in me, and with best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Fraternally yours,

CARY F. CRUM,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-ninth District.

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

RIVERTON, ILL., SEPT. 9, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER: —Peace and harmony prevail in every lodge; they are all properly equipped in good halls, and blessed with proficient corps of

officers and a goodly number of enthusiastic members backed up by seventeen grand lecturers.

Undoubtedly the thirtieth district is the best in the state.

Fraternally yours,

EMORY EDWARDS,
D.D.G.M. Thirtieth District.

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL., JUNE 29, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—Having completed my official visits to the sixteen lodges in the thirty-first district, I herewith formally report conditions very briefly.

In every lodge it has been my pleasure and good fortune to have been received with courtesy and good will. The district, as a whole, is working harmoniously and the craft is prospering, with only one lodge in poor condition, report of which was made at the time of my visit. The improvement in material condition of the lodges in this district is most gratifying. The work, while it will always need attention, is improving satisfactorily.

It has been my pleasure to have given help to several of the lodges in settling minor difficulties, and in suggesting improvements in the work. At every lodge I have offered whatever help I could render, and am expecting to be called on for additional suggestions and help as time passes.

My work has been most pleasant, and I am indeed most fortunate to serve in this capacity.

Fraternally yours,

A. C. METCALF,
D.D.G.M. Thirty-first District

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

PITTSFIELD, ILL., SEPT. 28, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—On receiving my appointment I looked forward to a happy visitation among my brethren in the district, but circumstances have made it otherwise. Have had an extremely busy year in my business, and the weeks in each month when most of the lodges meet, found me unable to go.

I have had quite a few calls for information, and have tried to keep in touch with the lodges as their needs required.

It gave me great pleasure to act as your proxy in instituting a new lodge at Baylis, Ill., on the 14th of June, 1916. They have had several candidates and will have their report ready for the committee at this session of the grand lodge.

The great need of our district is for instruction in the work. Many of the lodges have had no instruction in the last three or four years.

Thanking you for the honor conferred and wishing you continued success, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

ROY D. PLATTNER,
D.D.G.M. Thirty-second District.

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

QUINCY, ILL., SEPT. 7, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I herewith submit to you my annual report as district deputy of the thirty-third masonic district.

Strictly in accordance with your instructions, I have visited all lodges in my district, most of them twice and a few of them many times. I have been courteously received by the brethren at all times, for which I desire to return my thanks.

The lodges in my district, I am pleased to report, are all in a prosperous condition with one exception.

I am also pleased to report that the work done by the lodges in this district is of high standard, and the plan of the district deputy visiting each lodge one or more times a year brings much good to each lodge.

I also take pleasure in informing you that a district school of instruction was held in Quincy, April 23, 24 and 25, conducted by the grand lecturers' club of Quincy, composed of the following brethren: Howard, Eichenauer, Zoller, Johnson, Bradley, Duncan, Lawrence, and yours truly. Much good was accomplished.

In conclusion I desire to congratulate the grand master on the success of his administration, and on the many beneficial reforms he has inaugurated. Personally I wish to express my appreciation of the honor you have

conferred upon me and express the hope that I have in some small degree carried out your wishes.

With high regards, I remain, Fraternally yours,

JULIUS L. KLEMME,
D.D.G.M. Thirty-third District.

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

WINCHESTER, ILL., AUG. 30, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In submitting my annual report for the thirty-fourth district I am pleased to say that all is peaceful and harmonious and if discord has arisen during the past year it has not been called to my attention.

Aside from the one matter referred to me by you my official duties have been limited to visiting the lodges of the district and making reports thereon.

The brethren have extended me every courtesy and in each instance made my visit a real pleasure. Inspection of records shows a vast improvement in keeping the minutes and generally the lodges are in good condition.

I find, however, that two or three of them lack some of the equipment which is essential to a correct rendition of the work and this condition has existed and been reported by me for several years. I have many times recommended the purchase of the articles needed, but without result.

It strikes me that if the recommendations of a district deputy are not to be carried out the official visits might as well be discontinued and the grand lodge thus saved what appears to me to be a useless expense.

I assure you that I deeply appreciate the honor you have conferred on me and trust that what I have done meets with your approval.

Fraternally yours,

R. M. RIGGS,
D.D.G.M. Thirty-fourth District.

THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

STAUNTON, ILL., AUG. 29, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In addressing you as deputy for the thirty-fifth district of Illinois, I have only to say: that the year has been an enjoyable one to me, and one of general success for the craft.

Several masonic functions have been had in the district, and the brethren in general feel that the year has been a good one.

On of our lodges, Virden, will in the near future, dedicate its new masonic home. And as you know, it is our desire that you officiate on that occasion.

The district is blessed with an efficient corps of masters; and I confidently hope that masonry and its cause may be blessed in the years to come as it has been in the past.

With my compliments to you on your efficient administration; and trusting that I may see you again soon, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

W. P. Wall,
D.D.G.M. Thirty-fifth District.

THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

Hillsboro, Ill., Aug. 28, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Bro. Wheeler:—I have visited each of the fourteen lodges of the thirty-sixth district during the year and as your representative have been accorded hearty and cordial welcome. I am pleased to state that with but few exceptions peace and harmony prevail. I have given much thought to devise means of amicable adjustment of any difficulties existing without advising resort to disciplinary measures.

I have some adverse criticism to make regarding the conduct of a few lodges. I find a spirit of lethargy at some places. Lodges are prone to elect men to responsible stations who make little effort to satisfactorily perform their duties. They depend too much on others to help them through hard places. This should not continue as they have easy access to schools and lecturers, and their lodges are in fair shape financially.

I have found much opportunity to assist secretaries with their work. A number were greatly in need of assistance. The average secretary of a lodge does not receive adequate compensation for the services he renders, and also in my opinion some of the tasks imposed on him might be eliminated by the use of more systematized accounting.

Two schools of instruction were held during the year. It is very gratifying to find that a great number of petitions are being received and the lodges using care in their selection of material.

I desire to thank you for the honor conferred on me, and to wish you success in all fields of endeavor.

Fraternally yours,

WALTER R. MCLEAN,
D.D.G.M. Thirty-sixth District.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

ASSUMPTION, ILL., SEPT. 14, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—It is with pleasure I submit my report as district deputy grand master of the thirty-seventh district.

I have again visited every lodge in the district and made detailed reports of each visit. I am glad to report that conditions in many of the lodges are very much improved over last year. It is my opinion that the visits of the district deputy are of great benefit to the lodges, especially the small country lodge.

I am pleased to report that masonry in the thirty-seventh district is in a prosperous and harmonious condition and a great deal has been done socially during the past year.

On November 8, 1915, acting as your proxy I had the honor of constituting Clover Leaf lodge, No. 990, at Herrick.

I desire to thank you for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me as your official representative and trust my efforts have met with your approval.

Fraternally yours,

L. A. TRIPP,
D.D.G.M. Thirty-seventh District.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

ASHMORE, ILL., SEPT. 20, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—The latter part of July I finished my official visits and forwarded the last reports to the committee, it having been my privilege to visit each of the eighteen lodges of the district. These reports show that a number of the lodges have had a good growth, others have been quite active yet were unable on account of deaths and removals to make a

net gain, while still others held their own or made slight gains, with enough work to keep them from going stale.

About one-half of the lodges of the district held schools during the year, and my recommendation to all of them has been to secure the service of a grand lecturer for a three day school once each year. We held no district school the past year, but plans are now under way for a big one, to be held early in 1917, in the most centrally located city of the district. My idea of a district school is to have the stations and places filled by lodge officers and other regular workers, with the grand lecturers coaching from the side lines. I would have the lodges to hold their schools first, then send their workers to the district school for the finishing touch. After such a course almost any lodge should be able to do impressive work during the remainder of the year, yet it is my humble opinion that the dose should be repeated annually.

Harmony must be the watchword of the thirty-eighth district, for nothing else has been brought to my notice. If there have been any family jars, they surely have been kept within the bosom of the family where they occurred.

The event of the year was the laying of the corner-stone of the new township high school at Arthur, which was done in a most workmanlike manner by Grandfather Isaac.

I have greatly enjoyed the work of visitation, having been received most courteously in every lodge, and having made many new acquaintances among the class of men whom it is an honor as well as a pleasure to know.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, and wishing you every success in your administration, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

S. A. Wright,
D.D.G.M. Thirty-eighth District.

THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

Paris, Ill., Sept. 28, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Bro. Wheeler:—I desire to state that most of the lodges in the thirty-ninth district are in good condition as shown by the reports sent to Bro. Phil C. Barclay.

Some are small lodges but all have the good fellowship that is a part of masonry.

I have visited all but three of the lodges in this district, and with one or two exceptions find them in good condition.

We have a number of grand lecturers in the district and one or more of them have accompanied me on my visits.

There has been a good substantial gain in membership in the thirty-ninth.

My visits have been a source of pleasure to me and the brethren have received me cordially and on two or three occasions "officially" with as much embarrassment to themselves as to the district deputy.

I am, as you know, new to this work but I hope that I have not failed.

I thank you and the grand secretary for many courtesies and congratulate you on your splendid administration.

Fraternally yours,

THOS. MOYER,
D.D.G.M. Thirty-ninth District.

FORTIETH DISTRICT.

ROBINSON, ILL., SEPT. 30, 1916.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—It is with no little degree of pleasure that I herewith submit my first report as the district deputy grand master of this, the fortieth district. Having only served to fill the unexpired term of Bro. W. H. Rupe, I have but little out of the ordinary to report. I have visited all the lodges of the district, except two which were checked by my predecessor prior to his resignation, so can speak of only apparent conditions, as this was my first opportunity to visit many of them. Of the eleven lodges checked by me, I find with one exception, that they are all in a fairly prosperous condition. The courtesy accorded me as your representative was very gratifying indeed, during my official tour of inspection.

Congratulating you upon your very successful administration and thanking you for the honored privilege of serving you, I am,

Fraternally yours,

JAMES T. ATHEY,
D.D.G.M. Fortieth District.

FORTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

EFFINGHAM, ILL., SEPT. 28, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I have to report that during the past year I have visited each and every lodge in this, the forty-first, masonic district,

and have heretofore submitted a detailed report of each visit to the chairman on chartered lodges as directed, therefore I now have no matters of importance to submit.

You are advised, however, that masonry in this district, as a whole, is in good condition; substantial gain in membership has been made and the true spirit of masonry and genuine fraternalism prevails, generally, through the district.

I desire to say that I fully appreciate your very many kindnesses and esteem it an honor to have had the pleasure of contributing my mite to your successful administration as grand master. With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

DAVID L. WRIGHT,
D.D.G.M. Forty-first District.

FORTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

CLAY CITY, ILL., SEPT. 30, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I submit herewith my report as district deputy grand master of the forty-second district I regret to inform you that bad health and business has kept me from officially visiting every lodge in the district, however, I have reported on ten of the lodges and am pleased to report peace and harmony throughout the district.

Trouble arising in one lodge which made it necessary for you to appoint a commission to investigate is the only disturbance in the district this year, this has long since been settled and the lodge is now in a prosperous condition.

Congratulating you upon your very successful administration and expressing my sincere thanks for the honor of acting as your deputy, I am,

Fraternally yours,

THOS. A. DOHERTY,
D.D.G.M. Forty-second District.

FORTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

CARLYLE, ILL., SEPT. 8, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I beg leave to submit my annual report as district deputy grand master of the forty-third masonic district.

I have visited all the lodges in my district, and have made an official report of each visit to the proper committee.

I found each lodge to be in good condition, and endeavoring to conform to the requirements of the grand lodge.

In behalf of the brethren of this district I thank you for the many kindnesses shown us, and join with them in congratulating you on your splendid administration.

I also wish to express my appreciation of the honor you bestowed in making me your official representative in this district.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. W. DEAN,
D.D.G.M. Forty-third District.

FORTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

SPARTA, ILL., SEPT. 19, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I beg leave to submit my official report as your representative in the forty-fourth district.

On account of serious illness in my family, I was unable to visit every lodge in my district, but I have been in very close touch with each one, notwithstanding.

The lodges have in almost every case had a very prosperous year and everything has been very harmonious.

The most important event this year was the district school held at Belleville on February 28, 29 and March 1. The attendance was splendid and the interest intense and it was the universal opinion of every one in attendance, that the school was one of the best ever held in the state. We were fortunate in securing for our entertainment, R.W. Bro. R. Keene Ryan, grand chaplain, for our speaker and from the reception given him, he felt amply repaid for our trouble in securing him. His lecture was wonderful and those who missed hearing him, missed one of the treats of their lives. There were 275 in attendance, including two grand lodge officers, two district deputy grand masters, and nine grand lecturers.

With but few exceptions, the lodges in this district have held schools of instruction this year and the work is coming very close to perfect in all the lodges which is a source of much satisfaction to us all.

I assure you I highly appreciate the honor you have conferred on me and I take this method of congratulating you on your wise administration.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,

SAMUEL E. GRIGG, JR.
D.D.G.M. Forty-fourth District.

FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

MT. VERNON, ILL., SEPT. 7, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—With the close of the masonic year drawing near I look forward to our gathering again in grand lodge with a great deal of pleasure.

The forty-fifth district has during the last twelve months shown marked activity, all of the lodges except two have had a healthy growth and at no time since I have known of the district has there been the harmony and good fellowship that now exists.

A detailed visit report has been mailed to the chairman of the committee on chartered lodges, for each of the sixteen lodges in this district, and I was very courteously received by the different lodges.

A few questions have been referred to me; however, the majority of them were answered by reference to the blue book, the remainder were forwarded to Bro. Dan Fitzgerrell, right worshipful senior grand warden.

In April I was called to preside at a trial of charges, the master feeling himself disqualified, as he was distantly related to the accused. After hearing the evidence the lodge voted not guilty, which I have since learned was for the best as the matter has been settled satisfactorily to all parties concerned. This is the only unpleasant case that has been called to my attention.

I congratulate you on the handling of the affairs of the grand master's office so systematically, and thank you for the confidence you have shown and the honor conferred on me as your representative in this district.

With the very kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours,

KEITH T. STRATTAN,
D.D.G.M. Forty-fifth District.

FORTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

LAWRENCEVILLE, ILL., SEPT. 13, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In submitting this my annual report as district deputy grand master of the forty-sixth district, I do so with the feeling that all is well in the district. While the work is all new to me, it has been a pleasure to do what I could for the several lodges and if my visits have been as profitable to the lodges as they have been pleasurable to me, the time has not been wasted.

I have visited ten of the fourteen lodges in the district, four having been inspected by my esteemed friend and predecessor, Bro. J. S. Snyder. In several instances I have made the second visit and was pleased to note that in each case the recommendations made at the first visit had been taken up and followed as closely as circumstances would permit.

While the attendance during the summer months has been light, with the coming of cooler weather interest is on the increase and many of the lodges report bright prospects for the coming year. It has been my observation that master's and secretaries are perfectly willing to comply with all laws and regulations of the most worshipful grand lodge, but in many instances they are ignorant of their duties and in such cases have recommended a careful study of the book of constitutions. Another noticeable thing is the lack of local by-laws, some of the lodges having but one copy. Have suggested to all such to have a sufficient number printed so that each member might have one, to study and learn just what the fraternity expects of him.

I find all the lodges well supplied with outfits for conferring degrees, and the work as a whole conforms closely to that adopted by the board of grand examiners. Only once was I called upon to take drastic action and that was in the case of a lodge wherein a member who is a book dealer had supplied three members with copies of a cipher ritual. However, one visit disposed of the matter and the incident was closed. There was no intention on the part of the parties to violate any law, but the books were ordered for the reason, as stated to me, that the members desired to become proficient in the work. Have found several places where members had been mailed sample pages of the cipher ritual, but in each case the samples were destroyed and the members were cautioned against their use.

In closing I desire to thank you for the honor conferred upon me by the appointment and trust that none of my official acts have been such to bring anything but credit to your splendid administration.

Fraternally yours,

C. F. STOLL,
D.D.G.M. Forty-sixth District.

FORTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

HARRISBURG, ILL., AUG. 12, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—I herewith submit my annual report as district deputy grand master of the forty-seventh masonic district. I have visited each of the sixteen lodges in the district and I am pleased to report that I have met with the most courteous treatment by officers and members on all my visits and have found a hearty desire to carry out any suggestions and comply with the regulations of the grand lodge.

I have held one school of instruction in the district and have recommended in my reports to you that several of the lodges secure the services of a grand lecturer and have a school. I find that most of the brethren are anxious to comply and do the work as outlined by our efficient board of grand examiners and in most cases they are doing well; but some of the smaller lodges need an instructor and they should have one and I recommend this.

Our state district school at Eldorado was largely attended and a great deal of good came out of it. The brethren of the forty-seventh district will always have a kind word for Bro. Wiley for his courteous treatment during the school. He made a friend of every man who came to the school.

I found on my official visits that some of the secretaries were not keeping the minutes in accordance with the blue book and in each case I recommended that they read carefully that part of the blue book under the suggestions of minutes.

Masonry has prospered in the district as a whole, but am sorry to report that four or five lodges have not shared in this prosperity. These lodges need an old fashioned revival, but the general condition of almost every lodge in the district is better. Some have taken new life that have not been doing anything for years.

I have greatly enjoyed my visits to the lodges and hope that my visits have been of some benefit to them. From my observation I know that peace and harmony prevail throughout the district.

I assure you that I greatly appreciate the honor you conferred upon me in appointing me your deputy in the forty-seventh district and trust you do not feel that I have been wholly a failure. Congratulating you on your very wise and efficient administration, and extending to you my kindest personal regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,

GEO. M. MCKITRICK,
D.D.G.M. Forty-seventh District.

FORTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

JOHNSON CITY, ILL., SEPT. 16, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—In submitting my report as district deputy grand master of the forty-eighth district, will say, that if the lodges of this district gained as much from my visits as I personally received, surely much good has resulted.

Have visited all the lodges in district and in most cases found the lodges growing in membership and efficiency. I feel that most suggestions made by me are being complied with.

Some conditions have existed in two or three lodges, however, that from their very nature must be of long standing, and in this connection I desire to suggest that district deputies should be directed to keep copies of all reports for future use of the office and turn them over to their successors and some steps taken to see that recommendations which are considered reasonable to the most worshipful grand master be complied with.

My work as district deputy has been a great pleasure to me and I most heartily thank you for the honor of serving you and the lodges of this district.

Fraternally yours,

GORDON PILLOW,
D.D.G.M. Forty-eighth District.

FORTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

CAIRO, ILL., SEPT. 25, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—The fifteen lodges, in the forty-ninth district show a total membership of 1,084, with net gain of 20. This small increase is due to the fact that most of the lodges have been cleaning up their books and suspending those in arrears who have not shown a disposition to pay up.

Eight of the fifteen lodges in this district meet by the moon, two of these holding their meetings in the afternoon. This has been a little handicap in the way of official visits, especially as four of the lodges hold their stated meetings Saturday on or before the full moon.

Roads in this end of the state have been in poor shape and a great deal of credit should be given those who come miles to attend lodge.

The lodges are all in good financial shape and as a rule are well equipped with the necessary paraphernalia. Work in most of the lodges is pretty near up to standard.

Lodges are all working in harmony and I look for a large increase in membership in the next twelve months.

Fraternally yours,

C. S. Bourque,

D.D.G.M. Forty-ninth District.

FIFTIETH DISTRICT.

Metropolis, Ill., Sept. 12, 1916

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Bro. Wheeler:—In making my annual report for the year 1916, as district deputy grand master for the fiftieth masonic district, there is a feeling of uncertainty regarding what is best to report.

The usual lodge investigations have been made and report blanks filled out and sent to the office of the grand master, through the chairman of the committee on chartered lodges, setting forth the condition of each lodge in the district. These reports do not and can not show some of the forces at work for and against masonry.

Some of the strongest forces against masonry are found within its ranks. Embodied in the minds of many members we find ideas that are injurious to the welfare of the fraternity, and within the hearts of many masons exists a strange brand of brotherly love. A searching inquiry over this district indicates that brotherly love, to a certain extent, is only surface deep, and is frequently buried beneath the spirit of "rule or ruin," "pleasure first," "money mad commercialism," "petty grievances," "unworthy members of the lodge," "unjust business transactions," "vile and slanderous tongues," "factional strife," "personal resentment," "lodge membership for social positions, only," and "too high ideals for small lodges."

We also find there is a much greater degree of love for the principles of masonry as taught in the conferring degrees, than there is for the same principles as exemplified by the lodge membership afterwards. The word picture of masonry appeals to the best there is within the breasts of men, but the application or real test as to the observance of those principles, often falls so short of the ideal as to discourage loyal souls, and the lodge becomes a doubtful commodity to them—loved but doubted.

We find harmony prevails over the district but we are compelled to observe it is more of a "gentlemen's working agreement" brand of harmony than the real article.

We also find masons strong hearted, loyal and true, keeping their lodges alive with just a quorum at meetings, and these are the men who

say to you "that masonry is worth while, even with all the discouraging features within the lodge."

Through all we observe that the only remedy is an individual consecration of our lives to masonry. As we are individually, so is the lodge collectively.

Thanking you for the privilege of being called upon to serve as your deputy in the district, and with the kindest personal regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,

E. J. Cowling,
D.D.G.M. Fiftieth District.

GERMAN SPEAKING LODGES.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 12, 1916.

Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Bro. Wheeler:—It is with great pleasure that I submit my report as your representative of the German speaking lodges.

During the past year I have visited all of them in Chicago, also Peoria and Bloomington, some of them several times, and find them doing well and in a healthy condition. Harmony and good fellowship prevails with all of them. There has been a marked increase in the membership amongst the lodges in my district.

I have greatly enjoyed my visits and have been courteously received everywhere.

Thanking you for the honor conferred on me and with heartiest congratulations on your successful administration, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

John F. Schott,
D.D.G.M. German Speaking Lodges.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS.

Ralph H. Wheeler, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Chicago, Illinois:

DEAR BRO. WHEELER:—The Board of Grand Examiners met in the La Salle hotel immediately after our appointment and perfected our organization as a Board by electing S. C. D. Rea secretary.

Bro. Albert Davis was retored as a Grand Lecturer and his name given its former place on the list of Grand Lecturers.

The Board unanimously recommended for re-appointment as Grand Lecturers the following named brethren:

C. E. Allen
H. S. Albin
D. E. Bruffett
J. M. Willard
J. E. Wheat
S. M. Shoeman
C. N. Hambleton
A. O. Novander
J. B. Roach
Louis Pickett
Chas. P. Ross
Archibald Birse
Ralph H. Wheeler
H. W. Harvey
I. A. Foster
Albert Jampolis
W. A. Dixon
E. W. Peterson
Albert Davis
Albert Roullier
N. M. Mesnard
J. C. Weis
H. E. Van Loon
C. J. Wightman
W. H. Bied
D. W. Starr
Nimrod Mace
N. B. Carson
David Richards
L. J. Frahm
C. E. Carlson
A. T. Summers

Andrew McNally
W. H. Rupe
W. W. Roberts
A. W. Cain
D. D. King
M. T. Booth
C. L. Montgomery
J. S. Edmonson
L. E. Rockwood
W. A. Hoover
L. B. Dyer
G. N. Todd
W. G. Houghton
F. O. Lorton
W. Elmer Edwards
Z. S. Saylor
H. M. Palmer
W. D. Price
H. A. Dever
W. E. Marble
H. H. Milnor
H. M. Robinson
C. H. Thompson
Amos Ball
R. M. Riggs
Otto Brail
J. F. Boyle
A. B. Collom
J. W. Johnson
J. E. Glathart
D. C. Hibbott
B. S. Blaine

W. N. Ewing
T. B. Strauss
B. I. Pumpelly
George Edwards
F. H. Bradley
L. A. Brinkman
R. B. Pendergast
F. M. Cruikshank
G. W. Flood
J. I. Brydon
Benjamin Bing
J. M. Foreman
I. J. McDowell
W. E. Speckman
W. H. Barnard
T. E. Quincy
H. D. Jackson
H. M. Rachlitz
D. S. Davidson
A. A. Bauer
J. N. Fairchild
C. A. Luse
William Scales
H. Silverman
C. L. Tanner
James Porter
T. S. Browning
A. M. Bloxam
F. W. Froelich
T. C. Hambleton
H. W. Crabb
C. W. Kessler

H. A. Flock
E. R. Turnbull
R. C. Clark
E. G. Burger
C. O. Faught
Chas. Crowell
Addison Hickox
D. S. Mellinger
H. W. Modlin
R. C. Peck
Silas Watts
A. J. Winteringham
S. E. Kain
D. E. Farr
E. J. Tye
C. J. Shaw
S. B. Harvey
H. D. Hamper
W. S. Craig
T. W. Nixon
W. L. Allen
N. O. Johnson
William Tinsley
F. R. Smedley
A. O. Poff
V. B. Clevenger
R. C. Cantelou
B. T. Harley
S. D. Hinman
Edgar Zimmerman
C. L. Davis
O. J. Davis
Wainwright Davis
S. M. Middleton
W. H. Beckman
Henry Friedman
A. F. Gooch
C. G. Taylor
G. Haven Stevens
Chas. W. Cofer
Henry P. Blose
J. A. Hafner
Fred L. Muhl

H. E. DeLavergne
J. A. Provoost
E. Mattison
Charles Watson
John B. Bruce
Harry C. Reser
Aaron C. Kothe
William A. Ward
William W. Lewis
W. W. M. Bending
Simon F. Odell
Charles J. Weiskopf
Michael R. Hall
J. Herbert Thorne
Edw. C. Mullen
Marshall N. Shaw
Adelbert M. Bassford
George K. Reeder
Andrew T. Peters
Walter E. Felt
Gail S. Hamilton
A. G. Trees
J. O. Holland
James A. Reynolds
Fred Naumer
E. K. Bennington
James Cropper
Fred Schram
N. L. Brown
John Mutter
Wm. Frederick Ulrich
Henry Malone Butler
Homer C. Shirey
Roy Emmett Nelson
Elof Peterson
W. A. Blessing
Albert James Babbitt
Marshall Ozment
Gordon Pillow
James Thomas Athey
Edward Arnold Bertram
Martin Riley Jones
Wm. Reed Barnhart

Joshua R. H. Potts
Edward A St. John
Frank J. Vernon
Wm. Maurice Lovins
Wm. Hasdell Zarley
Emory Edwards
Anthony J. Bernosky
Wm. Grant Spurgin
Fred Irvin Mills
James Wm. Montgomery
Wm. Dayton McKinney
Peter Sheveland
Robt. F. Davidson
Julius L. Klemme
Wm. Edw. Long
Henry C. Johnson
Leonard A. Tripp
John Dixon Charters
Edw. John Cowling
Geo. Zoller
Elmer Edw. Stradler
Frederick M. Carr
Orville H. Travis
John L. Whiteside
Walter W. Hale
Emil Kopp
Leslie W. Beebe
James F. Barsaloux
Geo. M. McKitrick
Frank V. Partridge
Eddington R. Welsh
Richard L. Eldridge
Cary F. Crum
Julian W. Hagberg
Harry L. Kelly
Paul G. Duncan
Herman L. Rose
Arthur D. Pollack
Russell V. McKee
Jacob Schwartz
Everett L. Lawrence
Edmund G. George
Albert L. Pickel

Lauren W. Coe
Hal C. McCloud
Wm. C. Bryant
Ralph R. Shay
Francis M. Pepper
John H. Grimm
Fred J. Jerden
Bernardus L. Ten Eyck
Frank L. Shaw
Benj. C. Nead
Edwin R. Hensley
Chas. W. McCray
Wm. C. Bradley
Chas. H. Woods
Hiram J. Rutherford
Chas. F. Eichenauer
Ben L. Berve
Harman S. Grosboll
Julias G. Strawn
Albert C. Metcalf
John A. Sizer
Wm. Rohm
Benj. Wm. Scholton
Albert A. Adams
Chanucy F. Newkirk
Frank H. Simms
Leopold Swartz
Chas. B. Ott
Benj. S. Bingham
Welles W. La Moure
Hugh S. Wakefield
Wm. H. Paterson
Frank M. Phillis
Theo. I. Christopher
Russel Wiles
Oscar L. Carson
Leopold Apple
Chas. H. Keppel
Wm. Thos. Mummery
Willis McFeely
Isaac J. Grass
Fred Chas. Mau
Edwin F. Works
Wm. B. Cochrane
Wm. H. Randall
Melville H. Leighton
Oliver E. Carpenter
Levi C. Cramer
Samuel L. Weiser
Frank Wheat
James Darragh
Emanuel Weil
Ernest L. Eckersall
Chas. C. Sawyer
H. L. Weaver
Bernard Remmer
Thomas E. Jones
Albert T. Thompson
John W. Whalen
Joseph A. Breigel
R. W. E. Mitchell
George E. Chamberlain
John W. Evans
Melancthon L. Downey
Frank Mittan
William H. Pundt
Oscar Jacob Chapman

At your direction the Board of Grand Examiners conducted five State and ten District Schools and three examinations for commissions as Grand Lecturers.

The total attendance at the State Schools was 2,453 and at the District Schools 2,578. We recommended for reappointment as Grand Lecturers 294 brethren. Since last Grand Lodge we have duly examined and recommended for commissions as Grand Lecturers 47 applicants.

Each school was well attended and the greatest interest manifested. In each district where a school was held the District Deputy Grand Master was present and gave valuable assistance.

The Board is indebted to the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers for their presence and co-operation at the schools.

The schools were conducted on the lines as heretofore, except that the evening of the second day was devoted to social entertainment provided by the Grand Master in the nature of an address by some able speaker, which was highly appreciated and enjoyed by all present.

A detailed report of the schools and examinations follows:—

The Board of Grand Examiners met in Bridgeport, Illinois, on October 20, 1915.

Members present:

Anthony Doherty, chairman; S. C. D. Rea, secretary; Henry S. Wiley, Richard C. Davenport.

Motion was made and duly seconded that brethren James Huff of Belvidere and Harry C. Michaels of Flora be restored as Grand Lecturers and their names be given their regular place in the list of Grand Lecturers. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The board of grand examiners conducted an examination in Auditorium lodge hall, Chicago, on December 30 and 31, 1915, for commissions as grand lecturer when the following named brethren were duly examined and recommended for appointment as grand lecturers:

Calvin Perry Clark, Chicago; Edward W. Aplin, Chicago; Albert James Dew, Chicago; Arthur Scott Dowd, Chicago; Paul August Pabst, Chicago; Geo. E. Moore, Chicago; Robert Harris Cutler, St. Charles; Thomas Kelso, Valier; James Oliver Anderson, Belvidere.

Carbondale School.

January 11, 12 and 13, 1916.

The attendance was as follows:

Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master; A. H. Scrogin, Deputy Grand Master; D. G. Fitzgerrell, Senior Grand Warden; Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary; R. Keene Ryan, Grand Chaplain; District Deputy Grand Masters, Chas. S. Bourque, Geo. M. McKitrick, Gordon Pillow and K. T. Strattan; Grand Examiners, Anthony Doherty, Maxwell Levy, H. S. Wiley, R. C. Davenport and S. C. D. Rea; Grand Lecturers, C. O. Faught, N. B. Carson, W. A. Dixon, I. A. Foster, Wainwright Davis, W. E. Speckman, T. C. Hambleton, C. N. Hambleton, T. S. Browning, W. P. Jones, A. E. Wood, J. E. Jeffers, Emmett Howard, E. W. Peterson, Marshall Ozment, A. B. Collum, Arthur F. Gooch, Gordon Pillow, Geo. M. McKitrick, Ralph H. Wheeler, D. G. Fitzgerrell, A. H. Scrogin, Isaac Cutter. Total attendance, 258. Officers of lodges, 38. Illinois lodges represented, 80. Other Grand Jurisdictions represented, 8.

Peoria School.

January 25, 26 and 27, 1916.

The attendance was as follows:

Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master; Austin H. Scrogin, Deputy Grand Master, Elmer E. Beach, Junior Grand Warden, Isaac Cutter, Grand Secre-

tary; C. E. Allen, Past Grand Master; District Deputy Grand Masters, L. W. Morton, A. T. Peters, Chas. H. Ireland, C. L. Tanner, C. C. Sawyer, J. F. Blakeslee; Grand Examiners, Anthony Doherty, Maxwell Levy, Henry S. Wiley, Richard C. Davenport, Spruell C. D. Rea; Grand Lecturers, A. O. Poff, Otto Brail, D. S. Mellinger, Amos Ball, L. E. Rockwood, A. E. Wood, T. W. Nixon, H. L. Kelly, F. M. Cruickshank, B. I. Pumpelly, Wm. H. Zarley, Chas. S. De Hart, B. F. Harley, C. L. Tanner, Isaac Cutter, R. V. McKee, C. E. Allen, Fred L. Muhl, N. B. Carson, Ralph H. Wheeler, A. H. Scrogin, C. L. Gregory, W. A. Dixon, John C. Weis. Total attendance, 436. Illinois lodges represented, 75. Officers of Illinois lodges, 85. Other Grand Jurisdictions, 5.

Decatur School.

February 8, 9 and 10, 1916.

The attendance was as follows:

Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master; Austin H. Scrogin, Deputy Grand Master, Elmer E. Beach, Junior Grand Warden, Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary; William Morris Lovins, Grand Standard Bearer; Owen Scott, Past Grand Master; District Deputy Grand Masters, Cary F. Crum, Emory Edwards, L. A. Tripp, G. Haven Stevens, Thomas Moyer; Grand Examiners, Anthony Doherty, Maxwell Levy, Henry S. Wiley, Richard C. Davenport, Spruell C. D. Rea; Grand Lecturers, N. M. Mesnard, Frank J. Mittan, G. Haven Stevens, A. L. Pickel, C. L. Montgomery, Asa G. Trees, J. S. Edmundson, O. J. Chapman, D.W. Starr, R. F. Davidson, G. E. Chamberlain, W. A. Hoover, H. M. Butler, Frank V. Partridge, H. J. Rutherford, J. O. Holland, L. W. Coe, J. I. Brydon, J. H. Montgomery, Cary F. Crum, L. A. Tripp, H. C. Cloud, W. A. Dixon, C. P. Ross, A. E. Wood, M. L. Downey, David D. King, A. A. Bauer, F. I. Mills, John W. Evans, A. M. Bloxam, Julius G. Strawn, Silas Watts, J. M. Willard, James Porter, S. S. Middleton, Boyd S. Blaine, Martin R. Jones, W. S. Craig, A. D. Poff, James T. Athey, M. N. Shaw, Roy E. Nelson, T. B. Strauss, Harry W. Crabb, R. C. Peck, Wm. Morris Lovins, Emory Edwards, G. N. Todd, Albert T. Summers, W. Reed Barnhart, H. A. Snell, W. P. Jones, Elmer E. Beech, Ralph H. Wheeler, Isaac Cutter, Austin H. Scrogin, J. E. Jeffers, Chas. S. De Hart. Total attendance, 565. Illinois lodges, 97. Officers Illinois lodges, 71. Other Grand Jurisdictions, 8.

Rock Island School.

February 22, 23 and 24, 1916.

The attendance was as follows:

Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master; Elmer E. Beach, Junior Grand Warden; Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary; Oscar A. Kropf, Grand Orator; Chester E. Allen, Past Grand Master; C. G. Taylor, District Deputy Grand

Master; Grand Examiners, Anthony Doherty, Maxwell Levy, Henry S. Wiley, Richard C. Davenport, Spruell C. D. Rea; Grand Lecturers, Isaac Cutter, Ralph H. Wheeler, C. E. Allen, C. L. Gregory, Elmer E. Beach, C. G. Taylor, Geo. E. Carlson, M. T. Booth, Francis H. Bradley, F. M. Cruickshank, David D. King, C. P. Clark, G. W. Flood, A. E. Wood, Edmund G. George. Illinois lodges represented, 62. Officers Illinois lodges, 94. Foreign Grand Jurisdictions, 13. Total attendance, 508.

ROCKFORD SCHOOL.

March 7, 8 and 9, 1916.

Attendance was as follows:

Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master; Austin H. Scrogin, Deputy Grand Master, Elmer E. Beach, Junior Grand Warden, Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary; E. E. Mills, Senior Grand Deacon; District Deputy Grand Masters, James M. Huff, J. T. Miller, Mark C. Keller, Robert N. Holt; Board of Grand Examiners, Anthony Doherty, Maxwell Levy, Henry S. Wiley, Richard C. Davenport, Spruell C. D. Rea; Grand Lecturers, Isaac Cutter, Ralph H. Wheeler, Austin H. Scrogin, Elmer E. Beach, E. W. Peterson, S. B. Harvey, Albert Jampolis, Geo. K. Reeder, C. J. Wightman, R. L. Eldridge, R. W. E. Mitchell, Amos Ball, W. E. Edwards, D. D. King, J. O. Anderson, H. E. De Lavergne, Harry H. Milnor, W. W. Roberts, Willis McFeely, A. E. Wood, E. C. Mullen, J. E. Jeffers, F. M. Carr, A. Winteringham, J. E. Wheat, James F. Boyle, E. H. Andrews, Addison Hickox, Edwin F. Works, B. L. Berve, H. E. Van Loon, R. H. Cutler, J. H. Grimm, C. H. Keppel, J. A. Provoost. Illinois lodges represented, 104. Officers Illinois lodges, 84. Other Grand Jurisdictions, 4. Total attendance, 686.

DANVILLE SCHOOL (DISTRICT).

January 18, 19 and 20, 1916.

Maxwell Levy, Instructor.

Attendance was as follows:

Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master, Maxwell Levy, Grand Examiner; District Deputy Grand Masters, Thos. Moyer, G. Haven Stephens; Grand Lecturers, D. E. Bruffett, Z. S. Saylor, J. N. Fairchild, G. Haven Stephens, Chas. W. Copher, Henry P. Blose, A. E. Wood, Wilson P. Jones, Wm. G. Spurgin, J. L. Whiteside, William H. Pundt, O. J. Chapman. Total attendance, 240. Illinois lodges represented, 47. Officers of Illinois lodges, 57. Other Grand Jurisdictions, 10.

MENDOTA SCHOOL (DISTRICT).

January 18, 19 and 20, 1916.

Richard C. Davenport, Instructor.

Attendance was as follows:

Richard C. Davenport, Grand Examiner; District Deputy Grand Master, J. F. Blakslee; Grand Lecturers, F. M. Cruickshank, R. R. Shay, J. B. Roach, B. L. Berve, Silas E. Kain, Chas. W. McCray. Total attendance, 94. Illinois lodges represented, 22. Officers of Illinois lodges, 33.

OLNEY SCHOOL (DISTRICT).

January 19, 20 and 21, 1916.

Henry S. Wiley, Instructor.

Attendance was as follows:

Henry S. Wiley, Grand Examiner; District Deputy Grand Masters, W. H. Rupe, J. S. Snyder; Grand Lecturers, W. H. Rupe, Fred J. Jerden, E. R. Hensley, C. H. Thompson, J. E. Glathart, R. C. Clerk, J. T. Athey, T. I. Mills. Total attendance, 87. Illinois lodges represented, 17. Officers of Illinois lodges, 62.

WATSEKA SCHOOL (DISTRICT).

February 1, 2 and 3, 1916.

Richard C. Davenport, Instructor.

Attendance was as follows:

Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master; Grand Examiner, Richard C. Davenport; District Deputy Grand Masters, Robert N. Holt, James A. Steven, Richard E. Kropf, Joseph J. Shaw, Nicholas E. Murray, Louis Pickett, William A. Ward, John F. Schott; Grand Lecturers, Thomas E. Jones, Louis Pickett, William W. Ward, L. B. Dyer, Ralph H. Wheeler, Albert Jampolis. Officers of lodges, 28. Lodges represented, 27. Foreign Jurisdictions, 1. Total registration, 113.

GALESBURG SCHOOL (DISTRICT).

February 1, 2 and 3, 1916.

Anthony Doherty, Instructor.

Attendance was as follows:

Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master; Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary; District Deputy Grand Masters, C. C. Sawyer, Julius Klemme, L. W. Morton,

F. E. Edgerton; Grand Examiner, Anthony Doherty; Grand Lecturers, A. E. Wood, J. G. Duncan, Chas. Gregory, H. L. Kelly, Emmett Howard, B. L. Ten Eyck, Isaac Cutter, H. L. Weaver, R. H. Wheeler, H. D. Hamper, C. E. Allen, W. A. Blessing, J. L. Klemme, E. J. Babbitt, H. C. Johnson, W. C. Bryant, Chas. H. Eichenauer, Chas. Shaw, Geo. Zollar, F. J. Bernon, W. C. Bradley, Frank L. Shaw, E. Lawrence, D. J. Dye, A. D. Pollock, B. C. Nead, Chas. C. Sawyer. Total attendance, 345. Officers lodges, 52. Illinois lodges represented, 43. Foreign Jurisdictions, 5.

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL (DISTRICT).

February 16, 17 and 18, 1916.

Spruell C. D. Rea, Instructor.

Attendance was as follows:

Spruell C. D. Rea, Grand Examiner; District Deputy Grand Masters, Albert C. Metcalf, Roy D. Plattner; Grand Lecturers, C. P. Ross, A. C. Metcalf, Julius G. Strawn, Herman S. Grossboll, C. W. Kessler, J. O. Holland, A. L. Pickel. Illinois lodges represented, 30. Officers Illinois lodges, 42. Total attendance, 154.

FREEPORT SCHOOL (DISTRICT).

February 29, March 1 and 2, 1916.

R. C. Davenport, Instructor.

Attendance was as follows:

R. C. Davenport, Grand Examiner; District Deputy Grand Masters, James M. Huff, J. T. Miller; Grand Lecturers, J. O. Anderson, J. A. Provoost, J. M. Huff. Illinois lodges, 19. Officers Illinois lodges, 41. Total attendance, 167.

ELDORADO SCHOOL (DISTRICT).

February 29, March 1 and 2, 1916.

Henry S. Wiley, Instructor.

Attendance was as follows:

Henry S. Wiley, Grand Examiner; District Deputy Grand Masters, G. M. McKitrick, E. J. Cowling, C. H. Woods, Thos. A. Doherty, J. S. Snyder, Gordon Pillow; Grand Lecturers, Gordon Pillow, O. J. Davis, E. J. Cowling, C. H. Woods, G. M. McKitrick, C. H. Thompson. Illinois lodges represented, 33. Officers Illinois lodges, 54. Other Grand Jurisdictions, 3. Total attendance, 183.

Belleville School (District).

February 29, March 1 and 2, 1916.

Spruel C. D. Rea, Instructor.

Attendance was as follows:

D. G. Fitzgerrell, Senior Grand Warden; R. Keene Ryan, Grand Chaplain; District Deputy Grand Masters, W. P. Wall, Samuel E. Grigg; Grand Examiners, Anthony Doherty, Spruell C. D. Rea; Grand Lecturers, J. R. Ennis, S. M. Schoeman, A. B. Collum, N. L. Brown, Herman L. Rose, Fred Naumer, D. G. Fitzgerrell. Illinois lodges represented, 46. Officers Illinois lodges, 53. Other Grand Jurisdictions, 5. Total attendance, 275.

Chicago School (District).

March 21, 22 and 23, 1916.

Entire board of grand examiners in charge.

Attendance was as follows:

Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master; Dan G. Fitzgerrell, Senior Grand Warden; Elmer E. Beach, Junior Grand Warden; Leroy A. Goddard, Grand Treasurer; Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary; R. Keene Ryan, Grand Chaplain; Oscar A. Kropf, Grand Orator; Wm. H. Bied, Grand Marshal; Felix Von W. Wysow, Grand Sword Bearer; E. Edwin Mills, Senior Grand Deacon; District Deputy Grand Masters, Frank R. Smedley, Joseph J. Shaw; J. F. Blakeslee, N. E. Murray, James A. Steven, F. E. Edgerton, C. C. Sawyer, Richard E. Kropf, John F. Schott, Chas. H. Ireland, Robert N. Holt, Louis Pickett; Grand Examiners, Anthony Doherty, Maxwell Levy, Henry S. Wiley, Richard C. Davenport, Spruell C. D. Rea; Grand Lecturers, Frank R. Smedley, Ralph H. Wheeler, H. D. Jackson, Jos. A. Bregel, D. S. Davidson, James E. Wheat, O. E. Carpenter, E. C. Mullen, A. E. Wood, Paul A. Pabst, Wm. H. Bied, Isaac Cutter, Elmer E. Beach, Dan G. Fitzgerrell, R. C. Clark, Henry Friedman, Chas. Watson, Fred C. Mau, Walter E. Felt, F. M. Pepper, George K. Reeder, Albert J. Dew, E. G. Burger, T. Irving Christopher, Leslie W. Beebe, F. M. Carr, James Darragh, S. B. Harvey, F. M. Phillis, Frank Wheat, Smith D. Hinmam, H. M. Robinson, Archibald Birse, Emil H. Kopp, J. R. H. Potts, Wm. F. Ulrich, B. S. Bingham, J. F. Barsaloux, H. D. Hamper, A. M. Bassford, Chas. B. Ott, Walter E. Long, A. Scott Dowd, J. B. Bruce, H. E. Van Loon, Albert Jampolis, W. B. Cochrane, R. C. Cantelou, C. P. Clark, W. H. Paterson, E. W. Peterson, Addison Hickox, Saml. L. Weiser, Emanuel Weil, Leopold Apple, E. K. Bennington, Willis McFeely, W. C. Marble, Frank H. Simms, S. F. Odell, W. W. M. Bending, H. M. Robinson, D. S. Mellinger, Ed. W. Aplin, David D. King, Louis J. Frahm, James F. Boyle, Harry C. Reser, Melville H. Leighton, Harry H.

Milnor, B. W. Scholton, A. C. Koethe, Leopold Swartz, A. O. Novander, W. G. Houghton, Geo. Edwards, Amos Ball, Russell V. McKee, L. B. Dyer, Isaac J. Grass, Bernard Remmer, E. L. Eckersall, John Mutter, Chas. H. Keppel, Edgar Zimmerman, Wm. Tinsley, C. A. Luse, John D. Charters, W. W. Roberts, Francis H. Bradley, Wm. D. Price, Albert A. Adams, C. J. Weiskopf, David Richards, Anthony J. Bernosky, Thos. E. Jones, N. O. Johnson, Otto Brail, Fred S. Schram, A. T. Thompson, Louis Pickett, F. M. Cruikshank, Andrew McNally, J. Herbert Thorne, Lewis A. Brinkman, Elof Peterson, Jacob Schwartz, W. Elmer Edwards, Wm. H. Randall, C. H. Crowell, W. W. La Moure, L. C. Cramer, George E. Moore, James Cropper, Oscar L. Carson, Harry W. Harvey, Ira J. McDowell, A. O. Novander. Illinois lodges represented, 248. Foreign Grand Jurisdictions, 8. Officers Illinois lodges, 441. Total attendance, 920.

The Board of Grand Examiners conducted an examination in Auditorium Lodge Hall in Chicago on March 24 and 25, 1916, for commissions as Grand Lecturer when the following brethren were duly examined and recommended for appointment as Grand Lecturers:

Albert C. McFarland, No. 1203 East 60th street, Chicago; Herman A. Rimpler, 7027 Eberhart avenue, Chicago, Emil P. Wenger, 3850, North Arers avenue, Chicago; David Martin, 7247 La Fayette avenue, Chicago; Oliver H. Clark, 177 Prairie street, Homewood; Nathaniel Schooler, 1037 North Robey street, Chicago; Frederick D. Ehlert, 3142 Wilson avenue, Chicago; Henry Feick, 2603 South Halstead street, Chicago; Evan P. Jones, 4830 St. Lawrence street, Chicago; Ernest E. Stamp, 7244 Carpenter street, Chicago; Chas. E. Olmstead, Lanark; Syrus W. Rutherford, Newman; Chas. H. Mangold, 1418 Fifth avenue, Moline; Fred E. Edgerton, Kirkwood; W. H. Thomas, Jr., Benton; Simon P. Odenweller, 323 East Jefferson street, Macomb; Benj. A. Cotlow, Oregon; Karl A. Finley, 15521 Loomis avenue, Harvey; Geo. L. Beal, Verona; Chas. C. Fenn, Verona; James A. Shepherd, Paris, Delbert I. Duck, Paris; Alexander B. Hay, 805 Third avenue, Joliet; Geo. N. Lamb, St. Charles; Carroll W. Norris, St. Charles; Judge Layton Dawson, Scotland; Glenn Robinson, Rantoul; Leslie W. Morton, Canton.

The Board of Grand Examiners conducted an examination in Bloomington on June 9 and 10, 1916, for commissions as Grand Lecturer when the following brethren were duly examined and recommended for appointment as Grand Lecturers:

Wililam T. Cable, Harrisburg; Charles Maddox, Riverton; Howard H. Grubb, Riverton; James Welsh, Hillsboro; Clarence H. Lefler, No. 911 Columbia Terrace, Peoria; John P. Sweitzer, Collinsville; Robert E. Hale, Centralia; Otto Shatzkis, No. 3006 Armitage avenue, Chicago; Andrew J. Zimmerman, Peoria.

The Board of Grand Examiners feels that this report would be incomplete without an expression of appreciation and thanks for the honor which you have bestowed upon the members thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS,
SPRUEL C. D. REA, *Secretary.*

Benton, Illinois, Sept. 15, 1916.

DETAILED REPORT—Committee on Credentials.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Credentials fraternally report that the following brethren whose names appear in this report are present and entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Ralph H. Wheeler.....*M.W. Grand Master*
Austin H. Scrogin.....*R.W. Deputy Grand Master*
Dan G. Fitzgerrell.....*R.W. Senior Grand Warden*
Elmer E. Beach.....*R.W. Junior Grand Warden*
Leroy A. Goddard.....*R.W. Grand Treasurer*
Isaac Cutter.....*R.W. Grand Secretary*
R. Keene Ryan.....*R.W. Grand Chaplain*
Oscar A. Kropf.....*R.W. Grand Orator*
Geo. J. Kurzenknabe.....*W. Grand Pursuivant*
Wm. H. Bied.....*W. Grand Marshal*
Wm. Morris Lovins.....*W. Grand Standard Bearer*
Felix Von W. Wysow.....*W. Grand Sword Bearer*
E. Edwin Mills.....*W. Senior Grand Deacon*
Norman J. Cary.....*W. Junior Grand Deacon*
Geo. W. Tipsword.....*W. Grand Steward*
Geo. W. Cyrus.....*W. Grand Steward*
Charles F. Tenney.....*W. Grand Steward*
Alonzo Ellis.....*W. Grand Steward*
Chester S. Gurney.....*Bro. Grand Tyler*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Albert B. Ashley.....*Past Grand Master*
Henry T. Burnap.....*Past Grand Master*
Delmar D. Darrah.....*Past Grand Master*
George M. Moulton.....*Past Grand Master*
Alexander H. Bell.....*Past Grand Master*
Chester E. Allen.....*Past Grand Master*
Wm. B. Wright.....*Past Grand Master*
Owen Scott.....*Past Grand Master*
Monroe C. Crawford.....*Past Grand Master*
Henry E. Hamilton.....*Past Senior Grand Warden*

R.W. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Robt. N. Holt.....*First District*
James A. Steven.....*Second District*
Richard E. Kropf.....*Third District*

Claude R. Grover.....*Fourth District*
Joseph J. Shaw.....*Fifth District*
Nicholas E. Murray.....*Sixth District*
Lewis Pickett*Seventh District*
Jay Lynn Brewster.....*Eighth District*
James M. Huff.....*Ninth District*
John T. Miller.....*Tenth District*
Thos. H. Hobbs.....*Eleventh District*
C. F. Wm. Schultz.....*Twelfth District*
Mark C. Keller.....*Thirteenth District*
C. G. Taylor.....*Fourteenth District*
Charles W. Coker.....*Fifteenth District*
J. W. Brockway.....*Seventeenth District*
Wm. A. Ward.....*Eighteenth District*
C. L. Tanner.....*Nineteenth District*
Chas. H. Ireland.....*Twentieth District*
C. C. Sawyer.....*Twenty-first District*
F. E. Edgerton.....*Twenty-second District*
L. W. Morton.....*Twenty-third District*
E. H. Fleming.....*Twenty-fourth District*
A. L. Peters.....*Twenty-fifth District*
Nimrod Mace*Twenty-sixth District*
G. Haven Stevens.....*Twenty-seventh District*
Frank R. Smedley.....*Twenty-eighth District*
Cary F. Crum.....*Twenty-ninth District*
Emory Edwards*Thirtieth District*
A. C. Metcalf.....*Thirty-first District*
R. D. Plattner.....*Thirty-second District*
J. L. Klemme.....*Thirty-third District*
R. M. Riggs.....*Thirty-fourth District*
W. P. Wall.....*Thirty-fifth District*
W. R. McLean.....*Thirty-sixth District*
L. A. Tripp.....*Thirty-seventh District*
S. A. Wright.....*Thirty-eighth District*
Thos. Moyer*Thirty-ninth District*
James T. Athey.....*Fortieth District*
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	Albert Leon Smerling	J.W.
986	S. W. Barnes	W.M.
987	Charles F. Bliss*	W.M.
	Orlando P. Tidd	S.W.
	Roland A. Benson	J.W.
988	Oscar E. Brooks	W.M.
	Hans Hanson	S.W.
	Otto W. Anderson	J.W.
989	N. Wm. Lewis	W.M.
	Sol Rosenblatt	S.W.
	Dan De Baugh	J.W.
990	C. A. Price	W.M.
991	Joseph Hopp	W.M.
	John Kanatz	S.W.
	Fred Doggett	J.W.

*Proxy.

RECAPITULATION.

Grand Officers	20
Past Grand Officers, not otherwise enumerated	3
Representatives of other Grand Lodges not otherwise enumerated	40
District Deputy Grand Masters	50
Members of Committees	79
Representatives of Lodges	1026
Total	1211
Number of Lodges represented	797

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY H. MONTGOMERY,
GEORGE L. AYERS,
IRA J. MCDOWELL,
C. N. HAMBLETON,
JULIUS G. STRAWN,
Committee.

DETAILED REPORT—Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

The following is a detailed report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem:

GRAND OFFICERS.

NAMES.	OFFICE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total
			$	$	$
Ralph H. Wheeler	M.W. Grand Master				
A. H. Scrogin	R.W. Dep. Gr. Master				
Dan G. Fitzgerrell	R.W. Sr. Gr. Warden				
Elmer E. Beach	R.W. Jr. Gr. Warden				
Leroy A. Goddard	R.W. Gr. Treasurer				
Isaac Cutter	R.W. Gr. Secretary				
R. Keene Ryan	R.W. Gr. Chaplain	10	1 00	6	7 00
Oscar A. Kropf	R.W. Grand Orator	3	30	6	6 30
George Kurzenknabe	W. Gr. Pursuivant	5	50	6	6 50
W. H. Bied	W. Grand Marshal	5	50	6	6 50
W. M. Lovins	W. Gr. Stand. Bearer	187	18 70	6	24 70
Felix Von W. Wysow	W. Gr. Sword Bearer	5	50	6	6 50
E. Edwin Mills	W. Sr. Gr. Deacon	1	10	6	6 10
Norman J. Carey	W. Jr. Gr. Deacon	94	9 40	6	15 40
Alonzo Ellis	W. Grand Steward	240	24 00	6	30 00
Geo. W. Tipsword	W. Grand Steward	218	21 80	6	27 80
Geo. W. Cyrus	W. Grand Steward	241	24 10	6	30 10
Chas. F. Tenney	W. Grand Steward	153	15 30	6	21 30
Chester S. Gurney	Bro. Grand Tyler	5	50	6	6 50
Albert B. Ashley	Past Grand Master	104	10 40	6	16 40
Henry T. Burnap	Past Grand Master	254	25 40	25	50 40
Delmar D. Darrah	Past Grand Master	127	12 70	25	37 70
Henry E. Hamilton	Past Senior Grand Warden	1	10	6	6 10

R. W. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

NAMES.	DISTRICTS.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total
			$	$	$
Robert N Holt	1st District.	9	90	6	96 90
James A. Steven	2d "	3	30	6	6 30
Richard E. Kropf	3d "	2	20	6	6 20
Claude R. Grover	4th "	9	90	6	6 90
Jos. J. Shaw	5th "	1	10	6	6 10
Nicholas E. Murray	6th "	6	60	6	6 60
Louis Pickett	7th "	12	1 20	6	7 20
Jay L. Brewster	8th "	36	3 60	6	9 60
Jas. M. Huff	9th "	101	10 10	6	16 10
John T. Miller	10th "	137	13 70	6	19 70
Thos. H. Hobbs	11th "	58	5 80	6	11 80
C. F. Wm. Schultz	12th "	37	3 70	6	9 70
Mark C Keller	13th "	98	9 80	6	15 80
C. G. Taylor	14th "	181	18 10	6	24 10
Chas. W. Coker	15th "	122	12 20	6	18 20
	16th "				
J. W. Brockway	17th "	37	3 70	6	9 70
Wm. A. Ward	18th "	84	8 40	6	14 40
G. L. Tanner	19th "	83	8 30	6	14 30
Chas. H. Ireland	20th "	129	12 90	6	18 90
C. C. Sawyer	21st "	147	14 70	6	20 70

R. W. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.—*Continued.*

NAMES.	DISTRICTS.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
F. E. Edgerton	22d District	185	$18 50	6	$24 50
L. M. Morton	23d "	181	18 10	6	24 10
E. H. Fleming	24th "	244	24 40	6	30 60
A. T. Peters	25th "	170	17 00	6	23 00
Nimrod Mace	26th "	127	12 70	6	18 70
G. Haven Stephens	27th "	123	12 30	6	18 30
Frank R. Smedley	28th "	126	12 60	6	18 60
Cary F. Crum	29th "	157	15 70	6	21 70
Emory Edwards	30th "	192	19 20	6	25 20
A. C. Metcalf	31st "	216	21 60	6	27 60
R. D. Plattner	32d "	296	29 60	6	35 60
J. L. Klemme	33d "	263	26 30	6	32 30
R. M. Riggs	34th "	254	25 40	6	31 40
W. P. Wall.,	35th "	248	24 80	6	34 80
W. R. McLean	36th "	237	23 70	6	29 70
L. A. Tripp	37th "	196	19 60	6	25 60
S. A. Wright	38th "	193	19 30	6	25 30
Thos. Moyer	39th "	161	16 10	6	22 10
Jas. F. Athey	40th "	205	20 50	6	26 50
David L. Wright	41st "	199	19 90	6	25 90
Thos. A. Doherty	42d "	261	26 10	6	32 10
Chas. W. Dean	43d "	260	26 00	6	32 00
Sam'l E. Griggs. Jr.	44th "	294	29 40	6	35 40
Keith T. Strattan	45th "	276	27 60	6	33 60
Carl F. Stoll	46th "	225	22 50	6	28 50
Geo. M. McKitrick	47th "	314	31 40	6	37 40
Gordon Pillow	48th "	311	31 10	6	37 10
C. S. Bourque	49th "	364	36 40	6	42 40
E. J. Cowlins	50th "	366	36 60	6	42 60
John F. Schott	G'm'n Sp'ki'g Lodges	7	70	6	6 70

COMMITTEES.

NAMES.	Miles	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total
MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.				
Monroe C. Crawford	330	$33 00	$30	$ 63 00
W. B Wright	199	19 90	30	49 90
Chester E. Allen	163	16 30	30	46 30
Owen Scott	173	17 30	30	47 30
George M. Moulton	1	10	30	30 10
APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.				
Jos. E. Dyas	160	16 00	35	51 00
Frank E. Locke	5	50	35	35 50
George Crawford	171	17 10	35	52 10
Hugh Stewart	1	10	35	35 10
W. E. Hadley	286	28 60	35	63 60
CHARTERED LODGES.				
Phil C. Barclay	365	36 50	35	71 50
W. W. Watson	365	30 40	35	65 40
Harry W. Harvey	4	40	35	35 40
A. G. Trevs	185	18 50	35	53 50
William M. Beckman	5	50	35	35 50

COMMITTEES—*Continued.*

NAMES.	Miles.....	Mileage....	Per Diem.	Total.....
LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.				
Albert Jampolis	1	$ 10	$30	$ 30 10
John Johnston	5	50	30	30 50
Benjamin A. Cotlow	90	9 00	30	39 00
Delbert I. Duck	161	16 10	30	46 10
Harry L. Browning	281	28 10	30	58 10
MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.				
W. F. Beck	231	23 10	30	53 10
H. T. Goddard	249	24 90	30	54 90
C. H. Thompson	276	27 60	30	57 60
T. S. Browning	306	30 60	30	60 60
Chas. J. Shaw	163	16 30	30	46 30
FINANCE.				
Edward H. Thomas	4	40	30	30 40
Edward W. Peterson	4	40	30	30 40
Thos. A. Stevens	4	40	30	30 40
MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE.				
Chas. H. Martin	229	22 90	20	42 90
TRUSTEES MASONIC HOMES.				
Robert J. Daly	1	10	30	30 10
Wm. A. Dixon	173	17 30	30	47 30
Louis L. Emmerson	276	27 60	30	57 60
Robert C. Fletcher	15	1 50	30	31 50
Wm. D. Price	10	1 00	30	31 00
Irving Shuman	176	17 60	30	47 60
Austin H. Scrogin				
CREDENTIALS.				
Henry H. Montgomery	255	25 50	20	45 50
Ira J. McDowell	4	40	20	20 40
Geo. L. Ayers	1	10	20	20 10
C. N. Hambleton	251	25 10	20	45 10
Julius G. Strawn	216	21 60	20	41 60
PETITIONS.				
John C. Weis	150	15 00	20	35 00
C. O. Faught	210	21 00	20	41 00
L. F. Childs	6	60	20	20 60
OBITUARIES.				
Thos. C. Kerwin	1	10	20	20 10
R. W. King	11	1 10	20	21 10
Louis Zinger	154	15 40	20	35 40
GRAND MASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT.				
H. N. McFarlane	1	10	20	20 10
Ed. L. Holmes	1	10	20	20 10
E. R. Turnbull	224	22 40	20	42 40
GRAND EXAMINERS.				
Anthony Doherty				
Maxwell Levy	1	10	20	20 10
Henry S. Wiley	202	20 20	20	40 20
R. C. Davenport	314	31 40	20	51 40
Spruel C. D. Rea	306	30 60	20	50 60

COMMITTEES.—*Continued.*

NAMES.	Miles....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	To al.....
SPECIAL COMMITTEES				
MONITOR.				
Anthony Doherty	261	$26 10	$30	$56 10
Alonzo Dolan	127	12 70	30	42 70
John W. Hill	1	10	30	30 10
GRAND MASTER ADVISORY COUNCIL.				
Austin H. Scrogin	110	11 00	30	41 00
Dan G. Fitzgerrell	298	29 80	30	59 80
Elmer E. Beach	1	10	30	30 10
JOSEPH ROBBINS MEMORIAL.				
Geo. A. Stadler	173	17 30	20	37 30
LIBRARIES.				
Chas. W. Walduck	4	40	20	20 40
Geo. W. Pumphrey	123	12 30	20	32 30
NEW LEGISLATION.				
Alexander H. Bell	224	22 40	30	52 40
E. D. Brothers	9	90	30	30 90
James K. Lambert	9	90	30	30 90
RECORDS IN GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.				
Arthur E. Wood	109	10 90	20	30 90

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Bodley	1	Warren L. King	263	$ 26 30	$6	$32 30
Equality	2	Carroll H. Davis	313	31 30	6	37 30
Harmony	3	Richard J. Farris	216	21 60	6	27 60
Springfield	4	Benj. H. Rich	185	18 50	6	24 50
Friendship	7	Geo. Beckingham	98	9 80	6	15 80
Macon	8	Edmund C. Probst	173	17 30	6	23 30
St. John's	13	Wm. B. Linnig	100	10 00	4	14 00
Warren	14	Victor McMurchy	308	30 80	6	36 80
Peoria	15	F. E. Beebe	150	15 00	6	21 10
Temperance	16	Frank F. Hola	231	23 10	6	29 10
Macomb	17	Simon P. Odenweller	202	20 20	6	26 20
Clinton	19	Harmon S. Grosboll	147	14 70	6	20 70
Hancock	20	E. P. Cutler	238	23 80	6	29 80
Cass	23	Floyd Renfro	225	22 50	6	28 50
St. Clair	24	Robt. F. L. Mohr	305	30 50	6	36 50
Franklin	25	John F. Strickland	254	25 40	6	31 40
Piasa	27	Frank E. Harris	257	25 70	6	31 70
Pekin	29	Walker F. Oster	154	15 40	6	21 40
Mt. Vernon	31	P. W. White	276	27 60	6	33 60
Oriental	33	W. A. Haggard	1	10	6	6 10
Barry	34	Wesley L. Curtis	304	30 40	6	36 40
Charleston	35	Thomas F. Moore	182	18 20	6	24 20
Kavanaugh	36		...		.	
Monmouth	37	Fred A. Norris	179	17 90	6	23 90
Olive Branch	38	A. F. Johnston	123	12 30	6	18 30
Herman	39	W. A. Schwindler	263	26 30	6	32 30
Occidental	40	Edw. F. Peck	85	8 50	6	14 50
Mt. Joliet	42	B. J. Metzger	37	3 70	6	9 70
Bloomington	43	A. M. Murray	127	12 70	6	18 70
Hardin	44	E. E. McCoy	288	28 80	6	34 80
Griggsville	45	Fred A. Stone	286	28 60	6	34 60
Temple	46	Udell N. Clark	151	15 10	6	21 10
Caledonia	47	J. R. Sneed	368	36 80	6	42 80
Unity	48	Carroll W. Norris	32	3 20	6	9 20
Cambridge	49	Frederick Johnson	151	15 10	6	21 10
Carrollton	50	John A. Cannady	255	25 50	6	31 50
Mt. Moriah	51	J. F. M. Greene	237	23 70	6	29 70
Benevolent	52	L. F. Berger	269	26 90	6	32 90
Jackson	53	W. A. Baker	194	19 40	6	25 40
Washington	55	L. T. Phillips	270	27 00	6	33 00
Trio	57	Frank L. Patterson	181	18 10	6	24 10
Fraternal	58	J. T. Vent	145	14 50	6	20 50
New Boston	59	Wm. Baugness	184	18 40	6	24 40
Belvidere	60	J. R. Balliet	78	7 80	6	13 80
Lacon	61	W. G. Dorsey	122	12 20	6	18 20
St. Mark's	63	W. S. Blanchard	51	5 10	6	11 10
Benton	64	John L. Davison	306	30 60	6	36 60
Euclid	65	S. S. Good	29	2 90	6	8 90
Pacific	66	H. A. Parmenter	168	16 80	6	22 80
Acacia	67	James Finnern	99	9 90	6	15 90
Eureka	69	Warren L. Eddy	187	18 70	6	24 70
Central	71	C. B. Millard	185	18 50	6	24 50
Chester	72	Maurice A. Mudd	325	32 50	6	38 50
Rockton	74	G. V. Hill	99	9 90	6	15 90
Roscoe	75	E. H. Wilson	85	8 50	6	14 50
Mt. Nebo	76	J. M. Barcus	224	22 40	6	28 40
Prairie	77	H. E. Leitch	161	16 10	6	22 10
Waukegan	78	Edw. J. Groman	36	3 60	6	9 60

REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued.*

LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem.	Total
Scott	79	Hervey O. Jones	260	$26 00	$6	$32 00
White Hall	80	Elmer Griswold	279	27 90	4	31 90
Virtruvius	81	W. A. Beaver	33	3 30	6	9 30
DeWitt	84					
Mitchell	85	Oscar H. Schulze	288	28 80	6	34 80
Kaskaskia	86	Phil Rodenberg	308	30 80	6	36 80
Mt. Pulaski	87	Claude W. Upp	168	16 80	6	22 80
Havana	88	J. D. McHase	204	20 40	6	26 40
Fellowship	89	L. W. Gassoway	317	31 70	6	37 70
Jerusalem Temple	90	O. R. Trigg	37	3 70	6	9 70
Metropolis	91	W. L. Liggett	366	36 60	6	42 60
Stewart	92	Geo. L. Wood	159	15 90	6	21 90
Toulon	93	G. C. Platt	151	15 10	6	21 10
Perry	95	C. M. Bradbury	292	29 20	6	35 20
Samuel H. Davis	96	D. F. Stevens	106	10 60	6	16 60
Excelsior	97	Fred V. Haynes	114	11 40	6	17 40
Taylor	98	Chas. F. Nash	134	13 40	6	19 40
Edwardsville	99	I. M. Campbell	265	26 50	6	32 50
Astoria	100	J. D. Atkinson	218	21 80	6	27 80
Rockford	102	John T. Buckbee	87	8 70	6	14 70
Magnolia	103	E. A. Mathis	113	11 30	6	17 30
Lewistown	104	Grier Hanson	194	19 40	6	25 40
Winchester	105	John A. McKeene	254	25 40	6	31 40
Lancaster	106	L. R. McCoy	164	16 40	6	22 40
Versailles	108	J. Frank Wilson	287	28 70	6	34 70
Trenton	109	Wm. A. Carter	277	27 70	6	33 70
Lebanon	110	St. Clair Flint	283	28 30	6	34 30
Jonesboro	111	Henry G. Hileman	330	33 00	6	39 00
Robert Burns	113	Edw. L. Wickett	192	19 20	6	25 20
Marcelline	114	B. F. Bryant	277	27 70	6	33 70
Rising Sun	115	C. G. Wightman	48	4 80	6	10 80
Vermont	116	Walter Wyne	211	21 10	6	27 10
Elgin	117	C. H. Kuntz	37	3 70	6	9 70
Waverly	118	Lewis W. Walker	220	22 00	6	28 00
Henry	119	C. E. Smith	126	12 60	6	18 60
Mound	122	W. M. Shaw	201	20 10	6	26 10
Oquawka	123	Charles L. Brooks	205	20 50	6	26 50
Cedar	124	Herbert E. Sparr	62	6 20	6	12 20
Greenup	125	O. H. Shirle	195	19 50	6	25 50
Empire	126	E. B. Sanborn	159	15 90	6	21 90
Antioch	127	E. L. Wald	58	5 80	4	9 80
Raleigh	128	R. C. Burnett	312	31 20	6	37 20
Greenfield	129	Chas. P. Entrekin	291	29 10	6	35 10
Marion	130	Omar J. McMackin	249	24 90	6	30 90
Golconda	131	Sim V. Clanahan	368	36 80	6	42 80
Mackinaw	132	S. F. Winter	147	14 70	6	20 70
Sycamore	134	D. R. Langhorn	52	5 20	6	11 20
Lima	135	I. E. Bolt	290	29 00	6	35 00
Hutsonville	136	A. C. Lindley	196	19 60	6	25 60
Polk	137	W. D. Sharpe	303	30 30	6	36 30
Marengo	138	Robert T. Fey	66	6 60	6	12 60
Geneva	139	C. P. Mead	36	3 60	6	9 60
Olney	140	Amos W. Doan	232	23 20	6	29 20
Garden City	141	Chas. A. McCreary	1	10	6	6 10
Ames	142	R. C. Pervier	137	13 70	6	19 70
Richmond	143	Fred Arp	63	6 30	6	12 30
DeKalb	144	Arthur B. Steuben	58	5 80	6	11 80
A. W. Rawson	145	Jos. A. Johnson	102	10 20	6	16 20
Lee Center	146	H. C. Dunseth	100	10 00	6	16 00
Clayton	147	Warren K. Coffman	242	24 20	6	30 20
Bloomfield	148	John H. Owens	147	14 70	6	20 70
Effingham	149	James T. Ewing	199	19 90	6	25 90
Vienna	150	Robt. A. McCall	348	34 80	6	40 80
Bunker Hill	151	Robert E. Bley, Jr.	246	24 60	6	30 60

REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued.*

LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem.	Total
Fidelity	152	Rolla N. Clower	241	$24 10	$6	$30 10
Clay	153	C. Kerstine	265	26 50	6	32 50
Russell	154	A. F. Carrington	134	13 40	6	19 40
Alpha	155	J. S. Adams	163	16 30	6	22 30
Delavan	156	Harry M. Wood	157	15 70	6	21 70
Urbana	157	J. W. Herrigan	128	12 80	6	18 80
McHenry	158	Floyd E. Covalt	50	5 00	6	11 00
Kewanee	159					
Waubansia	160	C. C. Jensen	1	10	6	6 10
Virden	161	E. G. Motley	207	20 70	6	26 70
Hope	162	Chas. J. Skelly	294	29 40	6	35 40
Edward Dobbins	164	W. L. Chamblin	225	22 50	6	28 50
Atlanta	165	Robert S. McIntyre	146	14 60	6	20 60
Star in the East	166	O. M. Brown	87	8 70	6	14 70
Milford	168	C. M. Slife	88	8 80	4	12 80
Nunda	169	W. W. Roberts	43	4 30	6	10 30
Evergreen	170	Joseph H. Penning	114	11 40	6	17 40
Girard	171	J. Gasen	211	21 10	6	27 10
Wayne	172	Chas. R. Sanderson	146	14 60	6	20 60
Cherry Valley	173	C. W. Buck	84	8 40	6	14 40
Lena	174	D. M. DeGraff	127	12 70	6	18 70
Matteson	175	Wm. H. Gray	37	3 70	6	9 70
Mendota	176	Clyde Schwartz	83	8 30	6	14 30
Staunton	177	J. Stewart Clarke	248	24 80	6	30 80
Illinois Central	178	W. L. Berryman	94	9 40	6	15 40
Wabash	179	S. J. Curry	178	17 80	6	23 80
Moweaqua	180	P. L. Drew	186	18 60	6	24 60
Germania	182	Theo M. Gottmann	1	10	6	6 10
Meridian	183	A. D. Van Omun	72	7 20	6	13 20
Abingdon	185	Geo. A. Hickman	173	17 30	6	23 30
Mystic Tie	187	O. G. Owens	111	11 10	6	17 10
Cyrus	188	E. G. Hauth	128	12 80	6	18 80
Fulton City	189	A. M. Blodgett	136	13 60	6	19 60
Dundee	190	A. J. Winteringham	44	4 40	6	10 40
Farmington	192	J. E. Wasson	169	16 90	6	22 90
Herrick	193	David Moyes	227	22 70	6	28 70
Freedom	194	L. S. McClurg	71	7 10	6	13 10
La Harpe	195	A. R. Manifold	234	23 40	6	29 40
Louisville	196	Ben Hagle	228	22 80	6	28 80
King Solomon's	197	C. H. Reno	258	25 80	6	31 80
Homer	199	G. Ray Salladay	143	14 30	6	20 30
Sheba	200	S. A. Helck	266	26 60	6	32 60
Centralia	201	M. W. Blakely	251	25 10	6	31 10
Lavely	203	Wm. Trees	173	17 30	6	23 30
Flora	204	F. J. Smith	235	23 50	6	29 50
Corinthian	205	Chas. F. Preston	75	7 50	6	13 50
Fairfield	206	M. L. Calkin	254	25 40	6	31 40
Tamaroa	207	H. E. Doolittle	278	27 80	6	33 80
Wilmington	208	O. L. Osburn	52	5 20	6	11 20
Wm. B. Warren	209	Iver R. Johnson	1	10	6	6 10
Logan	210	Howard Vaughn	156	15 60	6	21 60
Cleveland	211					
Shipman	212	J. C. Frank	238	23 80	6	29 80
Ipava	213	C. J. Baumgardner	205	20 50	6	26 50
Gillespie	214	P. G. Sawyer	236	23 60	6	29 60
Newton	216	Chas. K. Ross	213	21 30	6	27 30
Mason	217	Robert Hardsock	210	21 00	6	27 00
New Salem	218	C. F. Beatty	292	29 20	6	35 20
Oakland	219	J. W. Shepherd	168	16 80	6	22 80
Mahomet	220	G. E. Bryan	136	13 60	6	19 60
LeRoy	221	S. S. Middleton	134	13 40	6	19 40
Geo. Washington	222	C. B. Wilsey	130	13 00	6	19 00
Pana	226	J. M. Olinger	202	20 20	6	26 20
Columbus	227	Howard C. Weaver	249	24 90	6	30 90
Lovington	228	Thomas L. Conn	168	16 80	6	22 80

REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued.*

LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Manchester	229	C. D. Chapman	231	$23 10	$6	$29 10
New Haven	230	J. H. Graddy	297	29 70	6	35 70
Wyanet	231	Jas. D. Trumbauer	111	11 10	6	17 10
Farmers	232	John J. Farmer	372	37 20	6	43 20
Blandinsville	233	J. E. Huston	228	22 80	6	28 80
DuQuoin	234	J. T. Sweatt	287	28 70	6	34 70
Dallas City	235	S. G. Rowe	222	22 20	6	28 20
Charter Oak	236	C. O. Richards	234	23 40	6	29 40
Cairo	237	B. H. King	364	36 40	6	42 40
Black Hawk	238	T. F. Woodside	261	26 10	6	32 10
Mt. Carmel	239	Luther S. Cochran	249	24 90	6	30 90
Western Star	240	E. V. Kratz	126	12 60	6	18 60
Shekinah	241	Ernest Bonham	307	30 70	6	36 70
Galva	243	O. R. Thomas	139	13 90	6	19 90
Horicon	244	Ben L. Berve	75	7 50	6	13 50
Greenville	245	W. F. McLean	241	24 10	6	30 10
El Paso	246	C. D. Pollard	118	11 80	6	17 80
Rob Morris	247	S. A. Roberts	109	10 90	6	16 90
Golden Gate	248					
Hibbard	249	F. W. Froelich	246	24 60	6	30 60
Robinson	250	Sam Faucett	205	20 50	6	26 50
Heyworth	251	L. T. Rutledge	137	13 70	6	19 70
Aledo	252	C. L. Gregory	176	17 60	6	23 60
Avon Harmony	253	R. W. Harrod	183	18 30	6	24 30
Aurora	254	Fred H. Burke	37	3 70	6	9 70
Donnelson	255	Wm. R. Baird	245	24 50	6	30 50
Warsaw	257	E. H. Klump	266	26 60	6	32 60
Mattoon	260	H. O. Ragland	171	17 10	6	23 10
Amon	261	L. R. Ayce	138	13 80	6	19 80
Channahon	262	Roy McConan	52	5 20	6	11 20
Illinois	263	Lester Brenner	150	15 00	6	21 00
Franklin Grove	264	W. L. Moore	88	8 80	6	14 80
Vermilion	265	Clyde Baldwin	142	14 20	6	20 20
Kingston	266	E. F. Kelley	314	31 40	6	37 40
La Prairie	267	R. E. Wheeler	236	23 60	6	29 60
Paris	268	C. F. Askins	161	16 10	6	22 10
Wheaton	269	J. T. Butler	24	2 40	6	8 40
Levi Lusk	270	J. E. Larkin	92	9 20	6	15 20
Blaney	271					
Carmi	272	D. H. Boyer	282	28 20	6	34 20
Miners	273	J. H. Grimm	164	16 40	6	22 40
Byron	274	F. R. Kendall	88	8 80	6	14 80
Milton	275	C. G. Wilson	254	25 40	6	31 40
Elizabeth	276	A. H. Cronk	337	33 70	6	39 70
Accordia	277	J. Klinge	2	20	6	6 20
Jo Daviess	278	L. E. Anschultz	137	13 70	6	19 70
Neoga	279					
Kansas	280	F. S. Wright	197	19 70	6	25 70
Brooklyn	282	W. H. Dishong	81	8 10	6	14 10
Meteor	283					
Catlin	285	E. Jones Jr	129	12 90	6	18 90
Plymouth	286	J. P. Metzger	222	22 20	6	28 20
De Soto	287	S. E. Graft	301	30 10	6	36 10
Genoa	288	E. H. Crandall	60	6 00	6	12 00
Wataga	291	E. P. Robson	155	15 50	6	21 50
Chenoa	292	M. J. Ohmit	102	10 20	6	16 20
Prophetstown	293	G. W. Murphy	128	12 80	6	18 80
Pontiac	294	C. E. Myers	92	9 20	6	15 20
Dills	295					
Quincy	296	W. E. Hafner	263	26 30	6	32 30
Benjamin	297	H. C. Cannon	241	24 10	6	30 10
Wauconda	298	A. Kuebker	40	4 00	6	10 00
Hinckley	301	A. R. Dewey	55	5 50	6	11 50
Durand	302	C. H. Hartley	104	10 40	6	16 40
Raven	303	Robt. Peterson	44	4 40	6	10 40

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LODGE	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Onarga	305	H. B Still	83	$ 8 30	$6	$14 30
William C. Hobbs	306	E. Dierkes	127	12 70	6	18 70
T. J. Pickett	307	E. F. Klein	191	19 10	6	25 10
Ashlar	308	G. E. Moore	1	10	6	6 10
Harvard	309	J. H. Crawford	63	6 30	6	12 30
Dearborn	310	John A. Bender	4	40	4	4 40
Kilwinning	311	A. McNain	1	10	6	6 10
Ionic	312	C. O. Clendening	173	17 30	6	23 30
York	313	H. C. Dolson	191	19 10	6	25 10
Palatine	314	A. C. Mundhenk	26	2 60	6	8 60
Abraham Jonas	316	F. J. Kemp	97	9 70	6	15 70
J. L. Anderson	318	G. H. Munee	226	22 60	6	28 60
Doric	319	W. L. Eastman	179	17 90	6	23 90
Creston	320	Thos. Pickwell	69	6 90	6	12 90
Dunlap	321	M. R. Nelson	124	12 40	6	18 40
Windsor	322	R. W. Turner	185	18 50	6	24 50
Orient	323		...		.	
Harrisburg	325	W. T. Cable	314	31 40	6	37 40
Industry	327	J. M. Pennyton	215	21 50	6	27 50
Altona	330	A. R. Keeler	147	14 70	6	20 70
Mt. Erie	331	E. R. Riggs	259	25 90	6	31 90
Tuscola	332	M. E. Bi elow	148	14 80	6	20 80
Tyrian	333	C. F. Uness	185	18 50	6	24 50
Sumner	334	B. F. Hockman	235	23 50	6	29 50
Schiller	335	A. Phieffer	150	15 00	6	21 00
New Columbia	336	A. Ridenhauser	353	35 30	6	41 30
Oneida	337	J. L. Nash	151	15 10	6	21 10
Saline	339	J. C. Travillion	329	32 90	6	38 90
Kedron	340	J. M. Wiswell	193	19 30	6	25 30
Full Moon	341	D. C. Slaten	268	26 80	6	32 80
Summerfield	342	O. C. Joseph	283	28 30	6	34 30
Wenona	344	Wm. E. Moffett	108	10 80	6	16 80
Milledgeville	345	R. S. Freas	122	12 20	6	18 20
N. D. Morse	346	P. R. Leonard	226	22 60	6	28 60
Sidney	347	W. M. Hanson	212	21 20	6	27 20
Flat Rock	348	J. A. Dyke	212	21 20	6	27 20
Sublette	349		...		.	
Fairview	350	Geo. Prall	193	19 30	6	25 30
Tarbolton	351	E. W. Powers	93	9 30	6	15 30
Groveland	352	Wm. Ropp	150	15 00	6	21 00
Kinderhook	353	A. C. Bancroft	310	31 00	6	37 00
Ark and Anchor	354	G. W. Hamilton	201	20 10	6	26 10
Marine	355	L. C. Heim	264	26 40	6	32 40
Hermitage	356	A. E. Walker	265	26 50	6	32 50
Orion	358	F. Bauer	62	6 20	6	12 20
Blackberry	359		...		.	
Princeville	360	W. M. Hoag	145	14 50	6	20 50
Douglas	361	J. R. Jones	305	30 50	6	36 50
Noble	362	M. D. Price	239	23 90	6	29 90
Horeb	363	H. E. Kelley	162	16 20	6	22 20
Tonica	364	E. Boyle	103	10 30	6	16 30
Bement	365	A. L. Hawver	153	15 30	6	21 30
Arcola	366	F. M. Groves	157	15 70	6	21 70
Oxford	367		...		.	
Jefferson	368	W. B. Plummer	284	28 40	6	34 40
Newman	369	H. Baxter	162	16 20	6	22 20
Livingston	371	E. E. Losee	74	7 40	6	13 40
Chambersburg	373	O. Dennis	283	28 30	6	34 30
Shabbona	374	F. W. Frost	67	6 70	6	12 70
Aroma	378	H. J. Storrs	61	6 10	6	12 10
Payson	379	J. D. Blauser	280	28 00	6	34 00
Liberty	380	A. L. Enlow	283	28 30	6	34 30
Gill	382	T. R. Dodsworth	228	22 80	6	28 80
LaMoille	383		...		.	
Waltham	384	W. H. Davis	94	9 40	6	15 40

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LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Mississippi	385	C. M. Walter	143	$14 30	$6	20 30
Bridgeport	386	E. T. Robinson	228	22 80	6	28 80
El Dara	388	P. A. Moyer	310	31 00	6	37 00
Kankakee	389	Selson Orr	55	5 50	6	11 50
Ashmore	390	T. E. Austin	193	19 30	6	25 30
Tolono	391	W. P. Jones	136	13 60	6	19 60
Oconee	392	C. P. Diefenthaler	214	21 40	6	27 40
Blair	393	J. C. C. Damler	1	10	6	6 10
Jerseyville	394	F. W. Delano	252	25 20	6	31 20
Muddy Point	396	Frank Hackley	183	18 30	6	24 30
Shiloh	397	C. B. Willshay	86	8 60	6	14 60
Kinmundy	398	A. M. Allen	228	22 80	6	28 80
Buda	399	L. H. Scott	117	11 70	6	17 70
Odell	401	F. W. Brown	82	8 20	6	14 20
Kishwaukee	402					
Mason City	403	H. A. McCreery	172	17 20	6	23 20
Batavia	404	G. A. Sperroy	38	3 80	6	9 80
Ramsey	405	F. P. Simcox	223	22 30	6	28 30
Bethalto	406	J. R. Elliott	261	26 10	6	32 10
Stratton	408	L. E. Lamb	168	16 80	6	22 80
Thos. J. Turner	409	E. W. Alpine	1	10	6	6 10
Mithra	410	C. A. Welterling	2	20	6	6 20
Hesperia	411	R. A. Gano	1	10	6	6 10
Bollen	412					
Evening Star	414					
Lawn Ridge	415	Wm. Gruner	163	16 30	6	22 30
Paxton	416	H. H. March	101	10 10	6	16 10
Marseilles	417	J. H. Goodell	77	7 70	6	13 70
Freeburg	418	L. G. Joseph	303	30 30	6	36 30
Reynoldsburg	419	J. C. Cavett	338	33 80	6	39 80
Oregon	420	R. W. Thorpe	90	9 00	6	15 00
Washburn	421	S. J. Liable	129	12 90	6	18 90
Landmark	422	John Hosbury	6	60	6	6 60
Lanark	423	R. D. Bray	120	12 00	6	18 00
Exeter	424	W. H. Sattington	262	26 20	4	30 20
Scottville	426	L. E. Followell	262	26 20	6	32 20
Red Bud	427	G. G. Guker	318	31 80	6	37 80
Sunbeam	428	L. A. Paradise	52	5 20	6	11 20
Chebanse	429	John Burrill	63	6 30	4	10 30
Kendrick	430	Don Brown	248	24 80	6	30 80
Summit	431	L. R. Parish	180	18 00	6	24 00
Murrayville	432	E. N. Lorrells	222	22 20	6	28 20
Atkinson	433	A. W. Kermwein	152	15 20	6	21 70
Makanda	434	Geo. Granger	315	31 50	6	37 50
Philo	436					
Chicago	437	Jos. Loeb	1	10	6	6 10
Camargo	440	Fred Ebel	156	15 60	6	21 60
Sparland	441	N. W. Macon	135	13 50	6	19 50
Casey	442	H. C. Leggett	193	19 30	6	25 30
Hampshire	443	A. W. Glidden	51	5 10	6	11 10
Cave-in-Rock	444	Geo. L. McDowell	333	33 30	6	39 30
Chesterfield	445	J. J. Leach	233	23 30	6	29 30
Watseka	446	F. N. Kenney	77	7 70	6	13 70
S. D. Monroe	447	R. N. Montgomery	217	21 70	6	27 70
Yates City	448	H. E. North	164	16 40	6	22 40
Mendon	449	G. F. Warner	278	27 80	6	33 80
Loami	450	C. G. Alexander	199	19 90	6	25 90
Bromwell	451	Frank M. Gandy	196	19 60	6	25 60
New Hartford	453	I. N. Winans	302	30 20	6	36 20
Maroa	454	Geo. S. Cooper	157	15 70	6	21 70
Irving	455	R. N. Casady	233	23 30	6	29 30
Nokomis	456	Van W. Russell	224	22 40	6	28 40
Blazing Star	458	Virgial Puckett	323	32 30	6	38 30
Jeffersonville	460	J. H. Sidwell	251	25 10	6	31 10
Plainview	461	Albert Fuess	236	23 60	6	29 60

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Tremont	462	G. O. Smith	153	$15 30	$6	$21 30
Palmyra	463	W. L. Smith	219	21 90	6	27 90
Denver	464	Evan Wiggle	247	24 70	6	30 70
Huntsville	465	C. E. Bilderback	234	23 40	6	29 40
Cobden	466	John A. Jones	322	32 20	6	38 20
South Macon	467	Wm. Schuyler	183	18 30	6	24 30
Cheney's Grove	468	T. W. Nixon	118	11 80	6	17 80
McLean	469	Chas. A. Wheeloch	141	14 10	6	20 10
Rantoul	470	Roy J. Roughton	113	11 30	6	17 30
Kendall	471	David C. Mewhister	50	5 00	6	11 00
Amity	472	H. M. Baillie	30	3 00	4	7 00
Gordon	473	J. S. Carson	257	25 70	6	31 70
Columbia	474	F. W. Weinel	291	29 10	6	35 10
Walshville	475	A. F. Minor	258	25 80	6	31 80
Manito	476	S. J. Memmen	173	17 30	6	23 30
Rutland	477	Cornelius Winans	124	12 40	6	18 40
Pleiades	478	F. G. Waiss	5	50	6	6 50
Wyoming	479	H. E. Rakestraw	137	13 70	6	19 70
Momence	481	Geo. W. Fox	50	5 00	6	11 00
Lexington	482	G. W. Bishop	111	11 10	6	17 10
Edgewood	484	R. P. Mahon	213	21 30	6	27 30
Xenia	485	R. W. Jessup	271	27 10	6	33 10
Bowen	486	H. C. Robertson	244	24 40	6	30 40
Andrew Jackson	487	E. W. Franklin	326	32 60	6	38 60
Clay City	488	J. C. Sanders	261	26 10	6	32 10
Cooper	489	V. A. Jones	220	22 00	6	28 00
Shannon	490					
Martin	491	J. C. Wittenberger	180	18 00	4	24 00
Libertyville	492	F. C. Bulkley	36	3 60	6	9 60
Tower Hill	493	O C. Mage	203	20 30	6	26 30
Stone Fort	495	C. E. Simmons	327	32 70	6	38 70
Colchester	496	Geo. R. Hall	209	20 90	6	26 90
Alma	497	J. E. Randall	303	30 30	6	36 30
Murphysboro	498	Walter J. Tilp	315	31 50	6	37 50
St. Paul	500	A. L. Pickle	185	18 50	6	24 50
Stark	501	Albert H. White	145	14 50	6	20 50
Woodhull	502	G. D. Drennan	153	15 30	6	21 30
Odin	503	A. J. Farthing	243	24 30	6	30 30
East St. Louis	504	T. A. Cherry	281	28 10	6	34 10
Meridian Sun	505	C. E Oakes	78	7 80	6	13 80
O. H. Miner	506	Frank F. Strukler	81	8 10	6	14 10
Home	508	Burtan M. Tunison	4	40	6	6 40
Parkersburg	509	F. E. Albin	242	24 20	6	30 20
J. D. Moody	510	Chas. Dabney	258	25 80	6	31 80
Wade-Barney	512	N. B. Carson	127	12 70	6	18 70
Bradford	514	O. C. Boyd	128	12 80	6	18 80
Andalusia	516	J. H. Patterson	193	19 30	6	25 30
Litchfield	517	C. H. Stivers	234	23 40	6	29 40
Abraham Lincoln	518	J. R. Hastings	185	18 50	6	24 50
Roseville	519	W. E. Lance	191	19 10	6	25 10
Anna	520	Harry B. Schafer	327	32 70	6	38 70
Illiopolis	521	W. A. Matthews	189	18 90	6	24 90
Monitor	522	Geo. W. Hinsdell	37	3 70	6	9 70
Chatham	523	W. G. Hatten	194	19 40	6	25 40
Evans	524	P. H. Gilleland	12	1 20	4	5 20
Covenant	526	John A. Fulkner	1	10	6	6 10
Rossville	527	S. W. McGuire	106	10 60	6	16 60
Minooka	528	W. H. Randall	51	5 10	4	9 10
Adams	529	Harvey G. Boren	285	28 50	6	34 50
Maquon	530	Sala Foster	172	17 20	6	23 20
Ashton	531	R. S. Charters	84	8 40	6	14 40
Seneca	532	F. H. Whittaker	72	7 20	6	13 20
Altamont	533	L. S. Hufford	210	21 00	6	27 00
Cuba	534	Cole	189	18 90	6	24 90

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Sherman	535	A. E. Fehlman	164	$16 40	$6	$22 40
Plainfield	536	Fred S. Pratt	48	4 80	6	10 80
J. R. Gorin	537	J. T. Wise	141	14 10	6	20 10
Lockport	538	F. S. Huttan	33	3 30	6	9 30
Chatsworth	539	John R. Krahenbihl	95	9 50	6	15 50
Oak Park	540	Geo. A. Stover	10	1 00	6	7 00
Stewardson	541	R. E. Voris	200	20 00	6	26 00
Towanda	542	J. E. Skinner	118	11 80	6	17 80
Cordova	543					
Virginia	544	L. B. Gaines	212	21 20	6	27 20
Valley	547	James F. Spargo	176	17 60	6	23 60
Sharon	550	Wm. M. Repine	123	12 30	6	18 30
Long Point	552	J. C. Huetson	99	9 90	6	15 90
Plum River	554					
Humboldt	555	Geo. H. Smith	85	8 50	6	14 50
Dawson	556	Wm. R. Constant	202	20 20	6	26 20
Lessing	557	Julius R. Hardtmann	1	10	6	6 10
Leland	558	V. O. Hill	66	6 60	6	12 60
Thomson	559	Ivan V. Lewis	148	14 80	6	20 80
Madison	560	Otto Bartels	257	25 70	6	31 70
Trinity	562	E. T. Snyder	358	35 80	6	41 80
Winslow	564	R. H. Stiles	132	13 20	6	19 20
Pleasant Hill	565	W. A. Windmiller	260	26 00	6	32 00
Albany	566	E. A. Fassett	144	14 40	6	20 40
Frankfort	567	Riley M. Burke	305	30 50	6	36 50
Time	569	L. L. Cunningham	302	30 20	6	36 20
Jacksonville	570	R. A. Hartman	216	21 60	6	27 60
Bardolph	572	W. R. Miner	196	19 60	6	25 60
Gardner	573					
Pera	574	L. W. Hamilton	107	10 70	6	16 70
Capron	575	W. R. Marriat	70	7 00	4	11 00
O'Fallon	576	Guy Wakefield	292	29 20	6	35 20
Viola	577	E. A. Jones	167	16 70	6	22 70
Prairie City	578	C. B. Hyatt	208	20 80	6	26 80
Hazel Dell	580	Jno. G. Sample	195	19 50	6	25 50
Dongola	581	C. A. C. Parker	336	33 60	6	39 60
Shirley	582	Lon K. Anthony	132	13 20	6	19 20
Highland	583	Michael Mutter	277	27 70	6	33 70
Vesper	584	G. H. Smith	163	16 30	6	22 30
Fisher	585	W. A. Sadler	195	19 50	6	25 50
Princeton	587	W. G. Hallam	104	10 40	6	16 40
Troy	588	F. S. Edwards	287	28 70	6	34 70
Fairmount	590	R. E. Black	136	13 60	6	19 60
Gilman	591	G. L. Harris	80	8 00	6	14 00
Fieldon	592	John T. Brown	270	27 00	6	33 00
Miles Hart	595	A. J. Sanders	178	17 80	6	23 80
Cerro Gordo	600	D. A. Troxel	161	16 10	6	22 10
Farina	601	S. B. Gwin	222	22 20	6	28 20
Watson	602	A. Smith	204	20 40	6	26 40
Clark	603	J. C. Brydon	187	18 70	6	24 70
Hebron	604	E. H. Lines	73	7 30	6	13 30
Streator	607					
Piper	608	E. B. Funk	91	9 10	6	15 10
Sheldon	609	F. W. Kee	84	8 40	6	14 40
Union Park	610	Bruce Baird	5	50	6	6 50
Lincoln Park	611	D. A. McNeill	2	20	6	6 20
Rock River	612	H. F. Priebe	110	11 00	6	17 00
Patoka	613	T. B. Walker	247	24 70	6	30 70
Forest	614	Lucian Bullard	93	9 30	6	15 30
Wadley	616	C. E. Cussies	229	22 90	6	28 90
Good Hope	617	J. L. Harden	229	22 90	6	28 90
Basco	618	Wm. Pressman	245	24 50	6	30 50
New Hope	620	E. R. Black	180	18 00	6	24 00
Hopedale	622	Jas. Fishel	149	14 90	6	20 90
Locust	623	Z. F. Bates	208	20 80	6	26 80

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Union	627	R. M. Damron	330	$33 00	$6	$39 00
Tuscan	630	G. W. Burnett	320	32 00	6	38 00
Norton	631	N. Canhan	78	7 80	6	13 80
Ridge Farm	632	W. B. Hornada	140	14 00	6	20 00
E. F. W. Ellis	633	F. Larson	87	8 70	6	14 70
Buckley	634	H. C. West	92	9 20	6	15 20
Rochester	635	C. W. Frame	194	19 40	6	25 40
Peotone	636	A. H. Cowling	39	3 90	6	9 90
Keystone	639	W. H. Molter	2	20	6	6 20
Comet	641	J. L. Booth	144	14 40	6	20 40
Apollo	642					
D. C. Cregier	643	W. C. Becker	4	40	6	6 40
Oblong City	644	E. Dickey	204	20 40	6	26 40
San Jose	645					
Somonauk	646	W. J. Rumney	59	5 90	6	11 90
Blueville	647	W. O. Williams	203	20 30	6	26 30
Camden	648	E. L. Daly	245	24 50	6	30 50
Atwood	651	E. L. Taylor	157	15 70	6	21 70
Greenview	653	G. L. Swiney	180	18 00	6	24 00
Yorktown	655	C. S. Smith	120	12 00	6	18 00
Mozart	656	H. C. Rodenhauser	127	12 70	6	18 70
Lafayette	657	J. T. Evans	333	33 30	6	39 30
Rock Island	658	R. C. Mitchell	181	18 10	6	24 10
Lambert	659	E. A. Simpson	263	26 30	6	32 30
Grand Chain	660	A. W. Tarr	361	36 10	6	42 10
South Park	662	A. Bernard	6	60	6	6 60
Mayo	664	J. D. Marshall	222	22 20	6	28 20
Beecher City	665	W. A. Wood	218	21 80		
Crawford	666					
Erie	667	A. Turner	131	13 10	6	19 10
Burnt Prairie	668	E. R. Martin	271	27 10	6	33 10
Herder	669	J. Mergen	3	30	6	6 30
Fillmore	670	E. C. Wolcott	233	23 30	6	29 30
Eddyville	672	W. R. S. Barger	345	34 50	6	40 50
Normal	673	T. H. Keys	124	12 40	6	18 40
Waldeck	674	R. Knabe	5	50	6	6 50
Pawnee	675	C. W. Kessler	201	20 10	6	26 10
A. O. Fay	676	F. L. Young	23	2 30	6	8 30
Enfield	677	D. S. Green	275	27 50	6	33 50
Buffalo Prairie	679	F. S. Venable	202	20 20	6	26 20
Clement	680	F. P. Green	170	17 00	6	23 00
Morrisonville	681	E. C. Dey	213	21 30	6	27 30
Blue Mound	682	J. D. Battrell	187	18 70	6	24 70
Burnside	683	O. A. Pitman	226	22 60	6	28 60
Galatia	684	W. O. Stone	317	31 70	6	37 70
Rio	685	E. J. Fye	163	16 39	6	22 30
Garfield	686	Frank S. Leach	4	40	4	6 40
Orangeville	687	P. M. Rubendall	128	12 80	4	16 80
Clifton	688	E. W. Harling	68	6 80	6	12 80
Englewood	690	G. M. Chapman	9	90	6	6 90
Iola	691	J. E. Downey	220	22 00	6	28 00
Raymond	692	H. J. Henderson	223	22 30	6	28 30
Herrin's Prairie	693	Archie Yerill	321	32 10	6	38 10
Shiloh Hill	695	H. F. Dudenbostel	311	31 10	6	37 10
Belle Rive	696	R. D. Cook	284	28 40	6	35 20
Richard Cole	697	David Martin	6	60	6	6 60
Hutton	698	H. G. Devinney	191	19 10	6	25 10
Pleasant Plains	700	Geo. P. Ferry	200	20 00	6	26 00
Temple Hill	701	Elbert Yates	358	35 80	6	31 80
Alexandria	702	Fred H. Blayney	172	17 20	6	23 20
Braidwood	704	M. Morris	57	5 70	6	11 70
Ewing	705	J. D. Hemphill	295	29 50	6	35 50
Joppa	706	B. W. Lamb	207	20 70	6	26 70
Star	709	Jos. H. Dicker	99	9 90	6	15 90
Farmer City	710					

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LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Providence	711	Paul A. Pabst	8	$ 80	$6	$ 6 80
Collinsville	712	Jno. P. Sweitzer	277	27 70	6	33 70
Johnsonville	713	D. E. Hilliard	247	24 70	6	30 70
Collison	714	Harry H. Ludwig	123	12 30	6	18 30
Elvaston	715	J. H. Cochran	236	23 60	6	29 60
Calumet	716					
Arcana	717	Frank N. Kenyon	4	40	6	6 40
May	718	Chas. Wakeford	283	28 30	6	34 30
Chapel Hill	719	C. L. Bradley	325	32 50	6	38 50
Rome	721	J. H. Kell	270	27 00	6	33 00
Walnut	722	J. F. Winger	109	10 90	6	16 90
Omaha	723	H. P. Kinsall	290	29 00	6	35 00
Chandlerville	724	J. W. Lynn	210	21 00	6	27 00
Rankin	725	C. B. McHaley	111	11 10	6	17 10
Golden Rule	726	Harry Ruben	1	10	6	6 10
Raritan	727	Jess Tilly	215	21 50	6	27 50
Waterman	728	W. M. White	62	6 20	6	12 20
Lake Creek	729	Arch Willard	311	31 10	6	37 10
Eldorado	730	D. L. Wood	306	30 60	6	36 60
Harbor	731	Thos. M. Jones	12	1 20	6	7 20
Carman	732	W. C. Vaughn	212	21 20	6	27 20
Gibson	733	A. O Poff	109	10 90	6	16 90
Morning Star	734	J. F. Strickler	181	18 10	6	24 10
Sheridan	735					
Arrowsmith	737	G. F. Lester	124	12 40	6	18 40
Saunemin	738	Bruce Wrey	83	8 30	6	14 30
Lakeside	739	H. B. Meinhardt	5	50	6	6 50
New Holland	741					
Danvers	742	Ralph F. Hall	136	13 60	6	19 60
Scott Land	743	Jas. F. Jennings	156	15 60	6	21 60
Goode	744	W. H. Thomas	292	29 20	6	35 20
Winnebago	745	M. C. Isbell	100	10 00	6	16 00
Weldon	746	E. C. Crossan	155	15 50	6	21 50
Centennial	747	O. P. Brewer	142	14 20	6	20 20
Alta	748	Everett Carr	156	15 60	6	21 60
Akin	749	Geo. H. Flanagan	316	31 60	6	37 60
Lyndon	750	C. F. Powell	123	12 30	6	18 30
Lounsbury	751					
Allendale	752	Joseph Sitherland	240	24 00	6	30 00
Ogden	754	G. N. Freeman	141	14 10	6	20 10
Preemption	755	Henry Hutchinson	193	19 30	6	25 30
Hardinville	756	T. W. Haught	220	22 00	6	28 00
Verona	757	F. B. Young	71	7 10	6	13 10
Mystic Star	758	J. A. Snyder	9	90	6	6 90
Orel	759	W. B. Myers	271	27 10	6	33 10
Sibley	761	S. M. Waldon	104	10 40	6	16 40
Van Meter	762	Geo. C. Whitney	196	19 60	6	25 60
Crete	763	Carl Ehrhardt	30	3 00	6	9 00
Sullivan	764	L. M. Craig	176	17 60	6	23 60
Palace	765	Donald R Bryant	12	1 20	6	7 20
Littleton	766	L. L. Horney	221	22 10	6	28 10
Triluminar	767	W. W. M. Bending	12	1 20	6	7 20
Mizpah	768	E. E. Stamp	6	60	6	6 60
St. Elmo	769	E. L. Grieder	225	22 50	6	28 50
LaGrange	770	C. A. Young	14	1 40	6	7 40
Bay City	771	C. O. Galilen	378	37 80	6	43 80
New Burnside	772	John M. Howerton	331	33 10	6	39 10
Mansfield	773	Alvin T. Smothers	132	13 20	6	19 20
Lake View	774	G. E. Brown	1	10	6	6 10
Grand Crossing	776	George G. Weden	10	1 00	6	7 00
Ravenswood	777	James B. Baylie	6	60	6	6 60
Gurney	778	James Barty	357	35 70	6	41 70
Wright's Grove	779	H. B. Spurlock	3	30	6	6 30
Siloam	780	John W. Christie	4	40	6	6 40
Potomac	782	D. S. Cossant	122	12 20	6	18 20

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LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem.	Total
Constantia	783	August Harnisch	1	$ 10	$6	$ 6 10
Beacon Light	784					
Riverton Union	786	O. M. Edwards, Jr.	192	19 20	6	25 20
Morris	787	C. H. Koenigsmark	305	30 50	6	36 50
Lerna	788	Wm. Greeson	177	17 70	6	23 70
Auburn Park	789	Robert M. Hyde	8	80	6	6 80
Pittsfield	790	C. B. Carey, Jr.	57	25 70	6	35 60
Broadlands	791	Andrew S. Maxwell	156	15 60	6	21 60
Calhoun	792	Carl Gordon	275	27 50	6	33 50
A. T. Darrah	793	R. J. Bedford	165	16 50	6	22 50
Tadmor	794	F. C. Karber	325	32 50	6	38 50
Myrtle	795	Wilson R. Young	7	70	6	6 70
E. M. Husted	796	S. Lee Smith	237	23 70	6	29 70
Normal Park	797	Geo. H. Russell	9	90	6	6 90
Sidell	798	J. C. McDowell	147	14 70	6	20 70
Colfax	799	D. A. Horney	119	11 90	6	17 90
Kenwood	800	L. M. Brown	5	50	6	6 50
Sangamon	801	S. Donovan	122	12 20	6	18 20
Williamson	802	C. H. Bundy	316	31 60	6	37 60
Neponset	803					
Kensington	804	Robert McGahie	13	1 30	6	7 30
S. M. Dalzell	805	M. J. Rhoads	104	10 40	6	16 40
Nebo	806	R. E. Wilmering	255	25 50	6	31 50
Royal	807	J. E. Marquis	325	32 50	6	38 50
Cornland	808	E. R. Jones	176	17 60	6	23 60
Gillham	809	Julius Howell	232	23 20	6	29 20
Tracy	810	G. W. Cummings	13	1 30	6	7 30
Melvin	811					
De Land	812	Geo. O'Brien	150	15 00	6	21 00
Humboldt Park	813	Leonidas B. Dyer	150	15 00	6	21 00
Ohio	814	A. W. Shifflet	102	10 20	6	16 20
Lawn	815	Ralph S. Davis	11	1 10	6	7 10
Ridgway	816	Arthur E. Beam	297	29 70	6	35 70
Creal Springs	817	J. W. Bennett	326	32 60	6	38 60
Ben Hur	818					
Columbian	819	Edward S. Licence	7	70	6	6 70
Henderson	820	Perry Wene	155	15 50	6	21 50
New Canton	821	Cyrus P. Gard	286	28 60	6	34 60
Belknap	822	J. E. Holt	355	35 50	6	41 50
Pearl	823	F. M. Offenheiser	120	12 00	6	18 00
Grove	824	H. E. Tank	21	2 10	6	8 10
Arthur	825	Geo. E. Reeder	165	16 50	6	22 50
Mazon	826					
Sequoit	827	E. E. Brook	58	5 80	6	11 80
Edgar	829	G. B. Boswell	156	15 60	6	21 60
Rockport	830	Chas. N. Haines	278	27 80	6	33 80
Findlay	831	C. W. Holt	185	18 50	6	24 50
Harvey	832	Karl Andrew Finley	19	1 90	6	7 90
Dean	833	John Bennett	329	32 90	6	38 90
Toledo	834	Ivan L. Smith	187	18 70	6	24 70
Triple	835	William E. Johnson	278	27 80	6	33 80
Windsor Park	836	H. H. Fairburn	11	1 10	6	7 10
Hindsboro	837	J. B. Bradford	167	16 70	6	22 70
Charity	838	Wilson G. Brock	179	17 90	6	23 90
Berwyn	839					
Alto Pass	840	Ed. L. Hagler	331	33 10	6	39 10
Woodlawn Park	841	G. N. Engstrom	8	80	6	6 80
Fides	842	Harry Paul	13	1 30	6	7 30
Park	843	Jervis O. Newton	9	90	6	6 90
Martinton	845	O. G. Mack	68	6 80	6	12 80
Bluffs	846	Geo. W. Burckholter	273	27 30	6	33 30
Stronghurst	847	W. C. Regan	209	20 90	6	26 90
London	848	Arthur Luman	182	18 20	6	24 20
Palestine	849	John Phipps	212	21 20	6	27 20

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LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Austin	850	J. E. Nicholas	8	$ 80	$6	$6 80
Chicago Heights	851	Edwin W. DaVoe	27	2 70	6	8 70
Gothic	852	James M. Gucker	281	28 10	6	34 10
Latham	853	J. O. Sutherland	174	17 40	6	23 40
Brighton Park	854	John W. Wulff	7	70	6	6 70
King Oscar	855	Otto J. Sandburg	1	10	6	6 10
West Gate	856	Randolph B. Long	285	28 50	6	34 50
Boyd D	857	M. D. Murphy	67	6 70	4	10 70
Utica	858	Pardon K. Leland	94	9 40	6	15 40
Apple River	859	Shelby R. McFadden	143	14 30	6	20 30
Metropolitan	860	Albert J. Struebing	6	60	6	6 60
Sorento	861	Benj. F. Schneider	251	25 10	6	31 10
Riverside	862					
St. Andrews	863	John Cameron	1	10	6	6 10
Olympia	864	Chas. E. Darrah	6	60	6	6 60
St. Cecilia	865	H. A. Rimpler	1	10	6	6 10
West Salem	866	Stuart L. Walser	247	24 70	6	30 70
Chadwick	867	F. W. Zugschwardt	129	12 90	6	18 90
Cornell	868					
Maywood	869	H. A. Tedman	12	1 20	6	7 20
Lostant	870	Geo. F. Bell	113	11 30	6	17 30
Argenta	871	J. C. Freeman	161	16 10	6	22 10
Free Will	872	C. F. Stanner	135	13 50	6	19 50
Standard	873	Franklin L. Myers	1	10	6	6 10
Nifong	874	L. H. Nifong	215	21 50	6	27 50
Cornerstone	875	A. A. Wiltse	1	10	6	6 10
William McKinley	876	Hugh W. Logsdon	1	10	6	6 10
Granite City	877	W. C. Williams	275	27 50	6	33 50
Equity	878	Jas. S. Rodie, Jr.	1	10	6	6 10
Composite	879	Wm. A. Woodbury	6	60	6	6 60
John B. Sherman	880	D. B. Griffin	8	80	6	6 80
Marissa	881	Chris. Beckmann	318	31 80	6	37 80
Boulevard	882	M. Vanderkloot	8	80	6	6 80
Wheeler	883					
Bethany	884	J. H. Wiedner	183	18 30	6	24 30
Villa Grove	885	John. C. Hess	145	14 50	6	20 50
Hooppole	886	F. A. Lahman	132	13 20	6	19 20
Pyramid	887	Walter B. Nolan	18	1 80	6	7 80
Damascus	888	Albert C. McFarland	8	80	6	6 80
America	889	Sydney H. Sturdy	1	10	6	6 10
Des Plaines	890					
Logan Square	891	Amede L. Olie	5	50	6	6 50
Constellation	892	Emil P. Wenger	5	50	6	6 50
Loraine	893	Newell Sapp	257	25 70	6	31 70
Utopia	894	E. Cohn	12	1 20	6	7 20
Crescent	895	David H. Dryburgh	6	60	6	6 60
Kosmos	896	John H. Vincent	8	80	6	6 80
Ogden Park	897	Alfred W. Evans	10	1 00	6	7 00
Silvis	898	George Sleeth	162	16 20	6	22 20
Park Manor	899	John S. McGregor	7	70	6	6 70
Carnation	900	Wallace Henry Downs	6	60	6	6 60
Edgewater	901	E L. Hatfield	6	60	6	6 60
Alto	902	W. A. Foster	71	7 10	6	13 10
Elkhart	903	H. E. Council	167	16 70	6	22 70
Carlock	904	Joseph Franklin Mooney	201	20 10	6	26 10
Hanover	905	Wm. J. Shipton	150	15 00	6	21 00
Coffeen	906	O. M. Denton	239	23 90	6	29 90
Ancient Craft	907	L. M. DeCosta	6	60	4	6 60
Gil. W. Barnard	908	Enoch Lawson	10	1 00	6	7 00
Bee Hive	909	Jas. A. Berkman	1	10	6	6 10
Hull	910	E. L. Lawrence	313	31 30	6	37 30
Bellflower	911	G. H. Flint	121	12 10	6	18 10
Stellar	912	G. E. Pritchett	234	23 40	6	29 40
Aaron	913	Edw. Snyder	9	90	6	6 90
Republic	914	Clarence W. Edwards	7	70	6	6 70

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LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Jackson Park	915	D. D. Kagy	9	$0 90	$4	$ 4 90
Welcome	916	Joseph W. Finch	1	10	6	6 10
Concord	917	Jesse E. Bowes	6	60	6	6 60
Sesser	918	C. A. McBride	283	28 30	6	34 30
Elwood	919	Daniel N. Blatt	46	4 60	6	10 60
Cottonwood	920	Geo. N. Harris	302	30 20	4	34 20
Avondale	921	Eugene Herschberg	5	50	6	6 50
Compass	922	A. H. Lassman	6	60	6	6 60
East Gate	923	G. C. Niemeyer	1	10	6	6 10
Banner Blue	924	Lester Z. Ringer	9	90	6	6 90
Molenna	925	L. D. Leach	263	26 30	6	32 30
Veritas	926	Clarence C. Komp	4	40	6	6 40
Candida	927	Edwin J. Goodier	1	10	6	6 10
Grant Park	928	John A. Kalgreen	45	4 50	6	10 50
Ashland	929	Walter Adkins	200	20 00	6	26 00
Jos. Robbins	930	Frank Nelson	150	15 00	6	21 00
Wilmette	931					
Sandoval	932	Chas. Allison	247	24 70	6	30 70
Manlius	933	Paul M. Andrews	113	11 30	6	17 30
Hinsdale	934	Kent C. Childs	17	1 70	6	7 70
La Moine	935	M. S. Crone	234	23 40	6	29 40
Rock Falls	936	C. C. Kadel	113	11 30	6	17 30
North Shore	937	M. E. Wolfe	5	50	6	6 50
Circle	938	A. G. Bolenbaugh	5	50	6	6 50
Table Grove	939	Frank B. Willis	206	20 60	6	26 60
Pleasant View	940	F. M. Thurman	246	24 60	6	30 60
Elmhurst	941	H. F. Hobein	16	1 60	6	7 60
Maple Park	942	Rob't T. Emberson	51	5 10	6	11 10
Bohemia	943	Theo J. Pelikan	4	40	6	6 40
John Corson Smith	944	Samuel A. Fischer	4	40	6	6 40
Buffalo	945	Oliver A. McDaniel	200	20 00	6	26 00
Jov	946	Verdi Pullen	184	18 40	6	24 40
Kenmore	947	M. Borchaulb	7	70	6	6 70
R. F. Casey	948	O. V. Cummins	263	26 30	6	32 30
Justice	949	J. W. Mason	4	40	6	6 40
Glen Ellyn	950					
Depue	951	Fred W. Krueger	110	11 00	6	17 00
Donovan	952	E. J. Donovan	76	7 60	6	13 60
Stone Arch	953	Harry Sturman	345	34 50	6	40 50
Progressive	954	F. A. Gilbert	4	40	6	6 40
Cicero	955	Thomas W. Lewis	11	110	6	7 10
Washington Park	956	Nathan Bernhardt	6	60	6	6 60
Prospect	957	Joseph Winkler	7	70	6	6 70
Prudence	958	Nathaniel Schooler	1	10	6	6 10
Warrensburg	959	W. R. Schrader	131	18 10	6	24 10
Algonquin	960	Geo. E. Bailey	49	4 90	6	10 90
Federal	961	Chester B DuVal	9	90	6	6 90
Ben Franklin	962	Torkill I. Nelson	7	70	6	6 70
Broughton	963	John Irwin	314	31 40	6	37 40
Maplewood	964	Edward J. Goodsell	6	60	6	6 60
Cisco	965					
Exemplar	966	Geo. Stephenson Palmer	1	10	6	6 10
Dahlgren	967	Chas. F. Porter	291	29 10	6	35 10
South Gate	968	W. White	10	1 00	6	7 00
East Moline	969	A. D. Cox	175	17 50	6	23 50
St. Josephs	970	Walter C. Peters	137	13 70	6	19 70
Fernwood Park	971	William H. Cruden	14	1 40	6	7 40
Rainbow	972	R. R. Pegram	11	1 10	6	7 10
Perseverance	973	S. S. Knox	1	10	6	6 10
Albany Park	974	H. C. Johnson	6	60	6	6 60
Old Glory	975	John C. Anderson	8	80	6	6 80
Melrose Abbey	976	George Catto	3	30	6	6 30
Parian	977					
Square	978	Ed. B. Kirkbride	11	1 10	6	7 10
Stephen Decatur	979	Leroy E. Crapp	173	17 30	6	23 30

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LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total ...
Anchor	980	Gus H. Schultz	123	$12 30	$6	$18 30
Trowell	981	Gustav Kohn	4	40	6	6 40
Sincerity	982	Edward B. Zohn	7	70	6	6 70
Glencoe	983					
Emblem	984					
Universal	985	James S. M. Wiley	2	20	6	6 20
Brotherhood	986	S. W. Barnes	0	00	6	6 00
Cyrene	987	Chas. F. Bliss	8	80	6	6 80
Park Ridge	988	Oscar E. Brooks	12	1 20	6	7 20
Hyde Park	989	N. William Lewis	7	70	6	6 70
Clover Leaf	990	C. A. Price	215	21 50	6	27 50
Welfare	991	Joseph Hopp	1	10	6	6 10

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. F. BECK,
H. T. GODDARD,
T. S. BROWNING,
C. H. THOMPSON,
CHAS. J. SHAW,
Committee.

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REPORT—Home Board.

To the President and Board of Managers, Illinois Masonic Homes:

Your committee in charge of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home at La Grange take pleasure in reporting on an interesting, harmonious and profitable year added to the history of the home; a year filled with accomplishments and full of promise for future undertakings which will add immeasurably to the good benefits derived by the children committed to our care.

The alterations made for hospital accommodations and the changes in the employees quarters for which provision was made in last year's appropriations by the Grand Lodge have been completed under the energetic supervision of Brother Fletcher and make a marked and decided improvement in these essential features.

The small start made in the direction of imparting domestic science and manual training to the children in the home has proven of such undoubted value and benefit that your committee cannot too earnestly nor strongly recommend not only its continuance but the broadening of the field to the fullest extent possible in order that not part of but all of the children may have the advantage of a rudimentary education along these lines and thus when they leave our care be much better equipped to take up the practical duties of life. The system also helps to solve one of the problems connected with the management of the home, viz., useful and healthful occupations for the children during the vacation period.

In March Bro. Chas. E. Holmes resigned his position as superintendent and Bro. and Mrs. Geo. Hilliker were employed as superintendent and matron assuming their duties April first.

Your committee cannot speak too highly of the watchful care and painstaking services rendered by Dr. A. E. Higgins in looking after the physical welfare of our children. Their continued general good health speaks volumes for his efficiency.

The superintendent's report will cover in detail the actual operations of the home and will be of interest to this board and the craft at large.

The present condition of the home, the substantial progress made, and above all the splendid health and happiness of our large family of contented children is a source of pleasure and gratification to those who have been entrusted with its care and management.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Committee Masonic Orphans' Home,

By William D. Price.

Oct. 4, 1916.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ILLINOIS MASONIC ORPHANS' HOME.

To the Chairman and Members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home:

DEAR BRETHREN:—In making this, my first report as superintendent of the home, I am aware that it will appear meager, and be shorn of many interesting features, as my knowledge, excepting as to statistical matters, is confined to the period from April 1st, 1916, to date.

The health of the children has been, and is, excellent. Notwithstanding the prevalence of communicable diseases during the past year, our new hospital, opened a year ago, has been occupied but once. In the spring, one of our younger girls contracted scarlet fever, and she and her nurse have been its sole, and only occupants. January 12th, two boys, Harold Holzman and Theodore Beenke, were transferred to the hospital at Sullivan for special treatment, and are still there.

Neva Harris, one of our girls, is at the Home for Crippled Children, Paulina Street and Park Avenue, Chicago, where she is undergoing treatment for a badly crippled leg with which she has been afflicted since babyhood. The surgeon in charge gives assurance that at the termination of the treatment,—which will cover a period of several months—the child will have a nearly normal limb.

We were again privileged to use the land of Mr. Joseph Leiter for gardening, but owing to the vagaries of the weather, our efforts were crowned with but indifferent success. We did enjoy, however, several full messes, for both children and employees, of onions, radishes, lettuce, beans and peas, and an abundance of sweet corn and tomatoes.

Since last report, new quarters for the employees have been provided on the third floor. Six bedrooms, each with a large closet, a general sitting room, and a bath room have been constructed out of a portion of the attic east of the assembly hall. These rooms have been nicely furnished and are now occupied. There are no finer quarters in any public institution in Illinois, than are now furnished by the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home for its employees.

All of the children made their grades in the schools but two, although two others were conditioned in one study each. It affords me extreme pleasure to be able to report that the six weeks summer school, attended by thirteen of our boys and eleven of our girls, and conducted by Principal Fulton, of the Cossitt Avenue School, in the library here at the home, was an abundant success. All the weak ones were made strong, all conditions were removed, and two boys, George Ashley and Walter Fuetterer were enabled by this work to skip one grade, passing directly from the second to the fourth grade, thereby saving an entire year.

The most interesting, as well as the most instructive and beneficial activity at the home during the summer was the domestic science school, attended by twenty of our girls, ages ranging from eleven to fourteen years. At no time during the entire two months did their interest lag. The long hot spell did not diminish their ardor nor lessen their zeal, nor industry. The benefit derived by these twenty girls from this course cannot be estimated.

ENTERTAINMENT.

My report of the events enjoyed by the children covers only the period from April 1st. Since that time they have been entertained by the following Masonic bodies:

Veritas Lodge, at Glenwood Park.
Pleiades Lodge, at Glenwood Park.
Union Park Lodge, on the Home Grounds.
York Chapter, on the Home Grounds.
Pleiades Lodge, on the Home Grounds.

The children attended the Congregational Church picnic, and had a day's outing at Lincoln Park. They have participated in the school events of the different classes, and besides enjoying the high school track meet, the county circus, and various entertainments and parties at private homes, and in the church, they have attended the movies about once a week. But with all these, the lack of something bigger, broader, more vitally interesting, to take up the time, engage the minds, and employ the hands of the children, makes itself felt with almost over-whelming force long before the end of the summer vacation. The twenty girls who had the domestic science course were happy and contented during the entire period, but the boys, after being confined within the limits of the home grounds day after day, for over two months, began to feel that this confinement savored strongly of imprisonment. That this feeling is natural you will understand when you consider that they cannot be permitted to run at large, neither can we permit our grounds to be made a rendezvous for the boys and girls of the village. Keeping our grounds and buildings in a neat, clean, and orderly condition necessarily limits the sports and amusements to certain lines, and long before the vacation is over these have lost their attraction and everything has sunk to the dead level of monotony.

From my experience during this past summer, I am convinced, that if the domestic science course for girls can be continued next summer, with the needle work extended to include all but the very youngest, and a course in manual training provided for the boys, we shall have done more for the physical, mental and moral upbuilding of our wards than could possibly be accomplished by the expenditure of a like sum of money in any other direction. While at the same time we shall in a large measure, have solved the

problem of the maintenance of the necessary discipline, as the point of greatest interest; the center of attraction will be within, and not outside the home.

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOME.

Name	Admitted	Age	Now	Lodge	Location
Ashley, Marie D.	11- 6-09	7	14	Alma No. 497	Willisville
Ashley, Sara E.	2- 8-12	6	10	Alma No. 497	Willisville
Ashley, George	10-25-13	5	8	Alma No. 497	Willisville
Beenke, Martin	6-26-10	7	13	Kensington No. 804	Chicago
Beenke, Johan	7-17-10	6	12	Kensington No. 804	Chicago
Beenke, Alburtus	6-26-10	3	9	Kensington No. 804	Chicago
Beenke, Theodore	4-14-12	3	7	Kensington No. 804	Chicago
Campbell, Robert R.	4-14-15	10	11	Woodlawn Park No. 841,	Chicago
Campbell, Elizabeth	4-14-15	11	12	Woodlawn Park No. 841,	Chicago
Campbell, Bruce D.	4-14-15	5	6	Woodlawn Park No. 841,	Chicago
Douglas, Stella C.	8-25-13	3	6	Mt. Moriah No. 51	Hillsboro
Douglas, Nellie T.	8-25-13	6	9	Mt. Moriah No. 51	Hillsboro
Douglas, Chas. Edgar	8-25-13	9	12	Mt. Moriah No. 51	Hillsboro
Dougias, George Earl	7- 9-15	3	4	Mt. Moriah No. 51	Hillsboro
Downes, Chas. F.	8-19-11	4	9	Prairie No. 77	Paris
Downes, Thelma	8-19-11	7	12	Prairie No. 77	Paris
Freeman, Jesse	1-27-12	6	11	Shekina No. 241	Carbondale
Freeman, Arthur L.	1-27-12	3	7	Shekina No. 241	Carbondale
Fuetterer, Walter G.	5-28-13	6	9	Pleiades No. 478	Chicago
Fuetterer, Wm. L.	5-28-13	4	8	Pleiades No. 478	Chicago
Giseke, John J.	9-15-10	8	14	Oriental No. 33	Chicago
Giseke, August	9-15-10	7	13	Oriental No. 33	Chicago
Giseke, Bernard	9-15-10	3	9	Oriental No. 33	Chicago
Goggin, Frank Joseph	10-23-16	13	13	Mystic Star No. 758	Chicago
Harris, Helen H.	5-28-15	9	10	Prairie City No. 578	Montrose
Harris, Oscar N.	5-28-15	8	9	Prairie City No. 578	Montrose
Harris, Neva M.	5-28-15	4	6	Prairie City No. 578	Montrose
Heiss, Marcell Mary	6-30-16	7	7	Kilwinning No. 311	Chicago
Heiss, Edmund Edward	6-30-16	4	4	Kilwinning No. 311	Chicago
Heiss, LeRoy Arthur	6-30-16	9	9	Kilwinning No. 311	Chicago
Horley, John	9-26-16	13	13	Humboldt Park No. 813,	Chicago
Holzman, Harold F.	9-19-15	5	6	Waubansia No. 160	Chicago
Holzman, Wm. J.	9-19-15	6	7	Waubansia No. 160	Chicago
Jones, Gladys N.	10-22-14	11	12	Arcana No. 717	Chicago
Jones, Gertrude M.	10-22-14	9	10	Arcana No. 717	Chicago
Kolb, Mary R.	2-24-14	9	12	Dearborn No. 310	Chicago
Landau, David	4-17-16	12	12	Wright's Grove No. 779	Chicago
Landau, Helen	4-17-16	8	9	Wright's Grove No. 779	Chicago
MacNair, Ernest L. M.	6-30-12	8	12	Brighton Park No. 854	Chicago
MacNair, Sophie	6-30-12	7	11	Brighton Park No. 854	Chicago
MacNair, Stewart L.	6-30-12	4	9	Brighton Park No. 854	Chicago
Marshall, Elizabeth L.	11-29-14	6	8	Palace No. 765	Pullman
Marshall, Edward G.	11-29-14	3	6	Palace No. 765	Pullman
Martinsen, Byron F.	5- 1-11	5	11	D. C. Cregier No. 643	Chicago
Martinsen, Benford O.	5- 1-11	3	8	D. C. Cregier No. 643	Chicago
Messner, Katherine M.	9-15-12	7	11	Accordia No. 277	Chicago
Messner, Joseph F.	5- 7-08	5	14	Accordia No. 277	Chicago
Miller, Clyde R.	12- 6-14	2	4	Ionic No. 312	Decatur
Miller, Garnet	12- 6-14	7	9	Ionic No. 312	Decatur
Miller, Ruth A.	12- 6-14	5	7	Ionic No. 312	Decatur
Miller, Clementine	12- 6-14	3	5	Ionic No. 312	Decatur
Moisand, Jennie	4- 7-15	11	13	Austin No. 850	Chicago
Moisand, Adeline	4- 7-15	9	11	Austin No. 850	Chicago
Moisand, Earl	4 -7-15	7	8	Austin No. 850	Chicago
Moisand, Lester	4-16-15	5	6	Austin No. 850	Chicago
Nelson, Emily H.	9-11-12	8	13	Charleston No. 35	Charleston
Nelson, Irma L.	9-11-12	7	11	Charleston No. 35	Charleston
Norris, Evelyn M.	5-20-09	7	14	Composite No. 879	Chicago
Norris, Wm. H.	5- 6-09	4	12	Composite No. 879	Chicago
Palmer, Edw. W.	8-19-14	8	11	Ashlar No. 308	Chicago
Palmer, Edith M.	8-19-14	7	9	Ashlar No. 308	Chicago

Name	Admitted	Age	Now	Lodge	Location
Palmer, Glenn O.	8-19-14	5	7	Ashlar No. 308	Chicago
Pieritz, Wm. J.	11-11-11	5	10	Home No. 508	Chicago
Pride, Roy M.	3-20-11	8	13	Maroa No. 454	Maroa
Quirk, Wm. F.	10- 7-12	8	12	Metropolitan No. 860	Chicago
Quirk, Harold V.	10- 7-12	4	9	Metropolitan No. 860	Chicago
Rhydderch, Dorothy	6--11-10	9	14	Fides No. 842	Chicago
Rhydderch, David A.	1-29-11	6	12	Fides No. 842	Chicago
Roberts, Constance E.	11-18-14	9	11	St. Andrews No. 863	Chicago
Ruhle, Albert G.	3- 7-10	7	13	Cleveland No. 211	Chicago
Ruhle, Pauline	9-14-10	5	11	Cleveland No. 211	Chicago
Schellenger, Harry H.	6-23-14	4	6	Alma No. 497	Willisville
Schellenger, Ruth E.	6-23-14	8	9	Alma No. 497	Willisville
Schellenger, Orsa E.	6-23-14	11	13	Alma No. 497	Willisville
Shanks, Harold E.	3- 5-10	7	14	Cleveland No. 211	Chicago
Smith, Lloyd J.	4- 2-15	4	6	Bridgeport No. 386	Bridgeport
Smith, Lawrence E.	4- 2-15	4	6	Bridgeport No. 386	Bridgeport
Smith, Lewis E.	4- 2-15	7	9	Bridgeport No. 386	Bridgeport
Stevens, Loren Glover	4- 8-16	11	12	Garfield No. 686	Chicago
Strecker, Inez L.	9-27-16	10	10	D. C. Crieger No. 643	Chicago
Strecker, Werner C.	9-27-16	8	8	D. C. Crieger No. 643	Chicago
Thomer, John C.	10-23-14	12	13	Doric No. 319	Moline
Van Asdlen, Wm. M.	1-31-08	5	13	Channahon No. 262	Channahon
Wright, Pearl Dixie	9- 1-16	10	10	Lawn No. 815	Chicago
Wright, Mary Leone	9- 1-16	8	8	Lawn No. 815	Chicago
Wright, Olive Fay	9- 1-16	3	3	Lawn No. 815	Chicago
Willard, Edw. G.	9-28-12	9	13	Roseville No. 519	Roseville

CHILDREN ADMITTED SINCE LAST REPORT.

Name	Admitted	Age	Now	Lodge	Location
Goggin, Francis Joseph	10-13-15	13	13	Mystic Star No. 758	Chicago
Harley, John R.	9-23-16	12	12	Humboldt Park No. 813,	Chicago
Harris, Hiram Alonzo	10-30-15	5	6	DeSoto No. 287	Herrin
Heiss, LeRoy Arthur	6-30-16	9	9	Kilwinning No. 311	Chicago
Heiss, Edmund Edward	6-30-16	4	4	Kilwinning No. 311	Chicago
Heiss, Marcell Mary	6-30-16	7	7	Kilwinning No. 311	Chicago
Landau, David	4-17-16	11	11	Wright's Grove No. 779	Chicago
Landau, Helen	4-17-16	8	9	Wright's Grove No. 779	Chicago
Matteson, George Theodore	11- 8-15	7	8	Monmouth No. 37	Monmouth
Solomon, Erma	10-13-15	11	12	Chicago No. 437	Chicago
Solomon, Juilet	10-13-15	7	8	Chicago No. 437	Chicago
Solomon, Martin	10-13-15	10	11	Chicago No. 437	Chicago
Stevens, Loren Glover	4- 8-16	10	11	Garfield No. 686	Chicago
Strecker, Inez	9-27-16	10	10	D. C. Crieger No. 643	Chicago
Strecker, Werner C.	9-27-16	8	8	D. C. Crieger No. 643	Chicago
Wright, Olive May	9- 1-16	3	3	Lawn No. 815	Chicago
Wright, Mary Leone	1- 9-16	8	8	Lawn No. 815	Chicago
Wright, Pearl Dixie	9- 1-16	10	10	Lawn No. 815	Chicago

CHILDREN DISCHARGED SINCE LAST REPORT.

Name	Discharged
Beaubein, Alice	9-14-16
Bell, Robt.	2-20-16
Bell, James	2-20-16
Bell, Helen	2-20-16
Bonn, Edw. Geo.	5-28-16
Downes, Elizabeth I.	6-26-16
Gutcher, Thos. A.	12-25-15
Gutcher, Wm. R. D.	12-25-15
Harris, Carolyn	8-20-16
Harris, Helen E.	8-20-16
Lachmich, William	8-31-16
Lachmich, Frieda	8-31-16
Little, Effiie M.	8-31-16
Miller, Alice M.	3-26-16
Miller, Helen	3-26-16
Miller, Wm. Harold	3-26-16
Pride, Mary	6-19-16
Rice, Helen E.	2-25-16
Ruhle, Wm. H.	6-15-16
Solomon, Erma	8-19-16
Solomon, Juliet	8-19-16
Solomon, Martin	8-19-16
Van Adslen, Bessie B.	11-14-15
Watson, Leona F.	10- 9-15
Watson, Raymond G.	10- 9-15
Watson, Harlan K.	10- 9-15

CAUSE FOR DISCHARGE.

Age limit	4
Adopted	2
Relatives able to provide	19
Ran away	1
	26

RECAPITULATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

Membership Sept. 30, 1915	97
Admitted since last report	18
	115
Discharged since last report	26
	89
Membership Sept. 30, 1915	89
Loss during year	8
Highest population during year	100

ENTERTAINMENT FUND RECEIPTS.

Oct.	1, 1915	Cash Balance	$1949.80
Oct.	1, 1915	Charleston Lodge No. 35	5.00
Nov.	19, 1915	Sincerity Lodge No. 982	50.00
Nov.	24, 1915	F. E. Vutz	5.00
Nov.	29, 1915	Metropolitan Lodge No. 360	25.00
Nov.	29, 1915	Marine Lodge No. 355	5.00
Dec.	3, 1915	Edgewater No. 901	25.00
Dec.	3, 1915	Cleveland Lodge No. 211	25.00
Dec.	3, 1915	Composite Lodge No. 879	10.00
Dec.	4, 1915	A. O. Fay Lodge No. 676	25.00
Dec.	4, 1915	Washington Chapter No. 43	10.00
Dec.	4, 1915	Sale of pictures of children	.50
Dec.	7, 1915	York Chapter No. 148	25.00
Dec.	7, 1915	America Lodge No. 889	10.00
Dec.	7, 1915	Greenville Lodge No. 245	10.00
Dec.	7, 1915	Thos. J. Turner Lodge No. 409	10.00
Dec.	8, 1915	Hesperia Lodge No. 411	15.00
Dec.	8, 1915	Palace Lodge No. 765	25.00
Dec.	8, 1915	Fellowship Club	10.00
Dec.	8, 1915	Garden City Lodge No. 141	25.00
Dec.	9, 1915	Blair Lodge No. 393	25.00
Dec.	9, 1915	Constellation Lodge No. 892	25.00
Dec.	9, 1915	Occidental Lodge No. 40	5.00

Dec. 9, 1915	LaGrange Lodge No. 770	10.00
Dec. 10, 1915	Lincoln Park Chapter No. 177	25.00
Dec. 10, 1915	Carnation Lodge No. 900	10.00
Dec. 10, 1915	Candida Lodge No. 927	10.00
Dec. 10, 1915	Error Christmas Boots	1.00
Dec. 11, 1915	Ancient Craft Lodge No. 907	50.00
Dec. 11, 1915	Fides Lodge No. 842	5.00
Dec. 11, 1915	Columbian Lodge No. 819	10.00
Dec. 11, 1915	Exemplar Lodge No. 966	10.00
Dec. 11, 1915	Equity Lodge No. 878	25.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Pullman Chapter	15.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Beacon Light Lodge No. 784	5.00
Dec. 14, 1915	D. C. Cregier Lodge No. 643	10.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Ben Hur Lodge No. 818	10.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Shekinah Lodge No. 241	5.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Lakeside Lodge No. 739	5.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Olive Branch Lodge No. 38	10.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Prudence Lodge No. 958	25.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Accordia Lodge No. 277	10.00
Dec. 14, 1915	E. F. W. Ellis Lodge No. 633	10.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Avondale Lodge No. 921	15.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Appollo Commandery No. 1	10.00
Dec. 14, 1915	O. C. Palmer	10.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Welcome Lodge No. 916	15.00
Dec. 15, 1915	Waubansia Lodge No. 160	25.00
Dec. 15, 1915	Lake View Lodge No. 774	25.00
Dec. 15, 1915	Woodlawn Chapter No. 76	10.00
Dec. 15, 1915	Crescent Lodge No. 895	35.00
Dec. 15, 1915	Jacob Reterer	5.00
Dec. 16, 1915	W. B. Warren Lodge No. 209	10.00
Dec. 16, 1915	Kensington Lodge No. 804	15.00
Dec. 16, 1915	Justice Lodge No. 949	10.00
Dec. 16, 1915	Evanston Chapter No. 58	10.00
Dec. 16, 1915	Union Park Lodge No. 610	25.00
Dec. 16, 1915	Mizpah Lodge No. 768	25.00
Dec. 16, 1915	A. E. Jessurium (ck. $25.00, ½ to I. M. H. Sullivan)	35.00
Dec. 17, 1915	Oriental Lodge No. 33	25.00
Dec. 17, 1915	Logan Square Lodge No. 238	10.00
Dec. 17, 1915	Delavan Lodge No. 156	5.00
Dec. 17, 1915	LaGrange Chapter No. 207	5.00
Dec. 17, 1915	Bohemia Lodge No. 943	25.00
Dec. 17, 1915	St. Andrews Lodge No. 863	10.00
Dec. 17, 1915	Progressive Lodge No. 954	10.00

Dec. 18, 1915	Evanston Chapter No. 144	25.00
Dec. 18, 1915	Behive Lodge No. 909	25.00
Dec. 18, 1915	Sincerity Lodge No. 982	10.00
Dec. 18, 1915	East St. Louis Chapter No. 156	5.00
Dec. 18, 1915	Ionic Lodge No. 312	5.00
Dec. 18, 1915	Pleiades Lodge No. 478	25.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Kenmore Lodge No. 947	5.00
Dec. 20, 1915	East St. Louis Lodge No. 504	5.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Welfare Lodge No. 991	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Arcana Lodge No. 717	25.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Trinity Commandery No. 80	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Wright's Grove Lodge No. 779	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Wright's Grove Lodge No. 779	50.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Excelsior Lodge No. 97	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Cairo Lodge No. 237	5.00
Dec. 20, 1914	Trowel Lodge No. 981	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Woodlawn Park Lodge No. 841	15.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Rutland Chapter No. 112	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Columbian Commandery No. 63	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Home Lodge No. 508	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Antioch Lodge No. 127	5.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Kilwinning Lodge No. 311	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Old Glory Lodge No. 975	51.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Germania Lodge No. 182	15.00
Dec. 21, 1915	G. D. Rosengrant	2.00
Dec. 21, 1915	Oriental Consistory	50.00
Dec. 21, 1915	Lawn Chapter No. 205	10.00
Dec. 21, 1915	East Gate Lodge No. 923	25.00
Dec. 21, 1915	Ben Hur Chapter O. E. S.	5.00
Dec. 21, 1915	Austin Lodge No. 850	25.00
Dec. 21, 1915	J. C. Smith Lodge No. 944	15.00
Dec. 21, 1915	Compass Lodge No. 922	10.00
Dec. 21, 1915	Master Richard Kropf	5.00
Dec. 22, 1915	Loyal Chapter No. 233	10.00
Dec. 22, 1915	Kosmos Lodge No. 896	10.00
Dec. 22, 1915	Chicago Lodge No. 437	25.00
Dec. 22, 1915	Ben Franklin Lodge No. 962	25.00
Dec. 22, 1915	Golden Rule No. 726	10.00
Dec. 22, 1915	Alma Lodge No. 497	12.00
Dec. 23, 1915	Englewood Lodge No. 690	10.00
Dec. 23, 1915	Doric Lodge No. 287	5.00
Dec. 23, 1915	Garfield Lodge No. 686	10.00
Dec. 24, 1915	Banner Blue Lodge No. 924	10.00
Dec. 24, 1915	Veritas Lodge No. 926	25.00

Dec. 24, 1915	Brighton Park Lodge No. 854	25.00
Dec. 24, 1915	Marseilles Lodge No. 417	12.50
Dec. 24, 1915	O. E. S. Chapter No. 620	10.00
Dec. 27, 1915	St. Clair Council No. 61	5.00
Dec. 27, 1915	King Oscar Lodge No. 855	10.00
Dec. 27, 1917	Gothic Lodge No. 852	10.00
Dec. 27, 1915	Mizpah Cap Aid	10.00
Dec. 27, 1915	Waldeck Lodge No. 624	5.00
Dec. 27, 1915	Washington Park Lodge No. 956	10.00
Dec. 27, 1915	Oak Park Lodge No. 540	10.00
Dec. 27, 1915	Brotherhood Lodge No. 986	15.00
Dec. 27, 1915	Lafayette Chapter No. 2	25.00
Dec. 27, 1915	Elgin Lodge No. 117	10.00
Dec. 27, 1915	Murphysboro Lodge No. 498	8.00
Jan. 4, 1916	St. Cecilia Lodge No. 865	10.00
Jan. 4, 1916	King Oscar Chapter O. E. S. No. 762	15.00
Jan. 4, 1916	Cornerstone Lodge No. 825	10.00
Jan. 4, 1916	T. J. Picket Lodge No. 307	10.00
Mar. 2, 1916	Bethany Commandery	10.00
April 20, 1916	Mendota Lodge No. 176	10.00
May 23, 1916	Republic Lodge No. 924	5.00
June 21, 1916	Carlock Lodge No. 904	10.00
June 24, 1916	Cicero Lodge No. 955	35.50
July 14, 1916	Sibley Lodge No. 761	5.00
German May Festival Association		2000.00
Interest from bank		157.58
Total		$6032.38

RECAPITULATION.

Oct. 1 1915 Cash Balance		$1949.80
Received from Cook County Lodges		1346.50
Received from Cook County Chapters		150.00
Received from Cook County Commanderies		45.00
Received from Lodges outside Cook County		207.50
Received from Chapters outside Cook County		15.00
Received from Commanderies outside Cook County		20.00
Received from Eastern Star Bodies		30.00
Received from Oriental Consistory		50.00
Received from individual and other sources		2218.58
		$6032.38
Disbursements as per receipts	$ 983.61	
DeKalb Township School bonds, Nos. 39, 41, 44, 45	4000.00	4983.61
Sept. 30, 1916 Cash Balance		$1048.77

Permit me through this medium to extend to the brethren the thanks of the children and the management for their contributions to our entertainment fund. Their kindly generosity has made possible many hours of pleasure to our wards.

Gifts and Donations.

Brother Geo. M. Moulton has given further evidence of his interest in this home by presenting us with two large cherry bookcases, one wheel chair, one invalid chair, one pair mounted antlers, one wicker lounge, pair crutches, forty volumes miscellaneous books, one complete set American cyclopedia, one souvenir trowel, seven beautiful souvenir plates and four pictures.

Brothers Louis C. Berndt, H. T. Sherman, A. C. Briden and S. Brown remembered us with 33 volumes of books for boys and Mrs. Eleanor Rolfe with 20 miscellaneous books.

That the home has a warm corner in the hearts of our brothers and our sisters of the Eastern Star is shown by the following list of donations:

Oct. 1, 1915	3 bushels apples, Mrs. Carpenter.
Oct. 1, 1915	1 piano bench, Pleiades Lodge.
Oct. 30, 1915	Pail of candy, Mrs. Marks.
Nov. 4, 1915	2 boxes candy, Brother Johnson.
Nov. 15, 1915	2 bags of potatoes, Chas. Malthorp.
Nov. 17, 1915	Box of watches from E. R. Moore.
Nov. 17, 1915	5 lbs. oxalic acid, Bro. Bonheim.
Nov. 30, 1915	5 pairs ice skates, no name.
Dec. 4, 1915	2 cases grape fruit, Bro. Mills.
Dec. 9, 1915	35 girls hats, Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co.
Dec. 16, 1915	100 lbs. candy, Waubansia Lodge No. 160.
Dec. 21, 1915	Pail of candy, Woodlawn O. E. S.
Dec. 21, 1915	3 dolls, no name.
Dec. 21, 1915	2 boxes cookies, Bro. Martin.
Dec. 21, 1915	Pail candy, F. G. Waiss.
Dec. 21, 1915	60 lbs. chocolates, Lake View Lodge.
Dec. 21, 1915	25 lbs. candy, Ben Hur Lodge.
Dec. 21, 1915	Box candy, R. R. Devine.
Dec. 21, 1915	Xmas presents, F. E. Willard.
Jan. 20, 1916	$50.00 assortment of drugs, medicines, bandages, absorbent cotton, etc.
Jan. 28, 1916	21 books, J. B. Hanson, Old Glory.
Jan. 27, 1916	5 boxes grape fruit, Bro. E. E. Mills.
Mar. 19, 1916	5 gals. ice cream, E. J. Rogerson.
Easter 1916	91 Easter baskets, Austin Star Club.
Easter 1916	Large box doughnuts, Mrs. Marie E. Harris.

May 15, 1916	Stock of drugs, Bro. Bonheim.
May 20, 1916	60 balloons, Banner Blue Lodge.
June 13, 1916	2 crates cherries, Bro. Bonheim.
July 5, 1916	96 bottles of candy, Austin Star Club.
July 5, 1916	Box Sparklers, Woolworth 5 and 10c store.
July 11, 1916	40 lbs. black bass and muskelonge, Bro. Foree Bain and Mr. Harry Itley.
July 22, 1916	40 bricks ice cream, cakes and candy, Union Park Lodge.
July 22, 1916	$50.00 for special purpose, Bro. Geo. Mildrum.
July 25, 1916	2 crates plums, Bros. Jos. Estes, Jacob and H. M. Simon.
Aug. 1, 1916	3 boxes boys straw hats, donor unknown.
Aug. 26, 1916	Candy, cracker jack, etc., York Chapter.
Aug. 26, 1916	Watermelons, Mr. Raney.
Aug. 29, 1916	2 bushels apples, Mrs. Carpenter.
Sept. 2, 1916	10 gals. ice cream, watches for boys and strings of beads and Japanese parasols for each girl from Pleiades Lodge.

Visitors.

The ever lengthening list of visitors is evidence of the increasing interest of the fraternity in its home and wards.

STATEMENT OF MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Provisions	$2369.99
Clothing	405.20
Alterations	1.25
Improvements	37.82
Labor	346.59
Printing, postage and stationery	57.26
School	202.32
Laundry supplies	191.18
Medical	135.70
Salaries	3306.80
Furnishings	183.44
Light and power	460.40
Repairs	496.90
Traveling expense	122.12
Fuel	235.26
Telephone	95.77
Miscellaneous	99.74
	$8747.74

Receipts for Maintenance Fund since last report	$8375.00
On hand at last report	615.79
	$8990.79
Disbursements since last report	8747.74
Cash Balance Sept. 30, 1916	$ 243.05

In conclusion, I wish to report, that Sept. 1, 1916, we inaugurated a new system of government at the home. All of the children nine years of age and over, together with all employees having anything to do with the maintenance of order, including the superintendent and matron, meet three times each week and hold what we call an assembly. This assembly by a majority vote of its members, enacts all rules for the maintenance of good order and discipline, fixes the penalty for violations of its rules and tries all offenders.

While the system has not been in operation a sufficient length of time to enable one to form a very decided opinion as to its merits, yet I feel reasonably sure, from the ever increasing interest taken in its proceedings by the children, that the idea of self-government thus implanted in their minds, will grow and expand, carrying ever with it, its concomitant, self-control, until a return to the old system of arbitrary rule, will be unthinkable.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. L. HILLIKER,
Superintendent.

LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS, October 4, 1916.

To President and Trustees Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home, Chicago, Illinois:

GENTLEMEN:—I have very little to report for the last year in regard to the health of the children in the home. Had one case of scarlet fever, and several cases of chicken pox, but no other contagious disease. Aside from these we have had occasional slight acute attacks such as throat and bronchial, and stomach disturbances.

At the present time the children are all in very good health.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) ARTHUR E. HIGGINS,
Physician to the Home.

October 1, 1916.

Mr. Robert J. Daly, President of Board of Managers, Illinois Masonic Homes:

Your Executive Committee in charge of the Sullivan Home for the past year have found a large volume of business to be cared for and have filed vouchers and contracts to show the details of all transactions. This report will summarize the more important items.

The membership of the home continues to increase. The average daily membership for 1915 was 112—for 1916 it was 132, an increase of 18 per cent which promise a daily average of 156 next year providing room can be found for so many.

Since the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital furnishes better care for the permanently disabled the number of applications from comparatively young men suffering from locomotor ataxia have multiplied. Long time occupancy of rooms is the rule with these young men. One young man who is to live 20 years taxes the resources of the hospital the same as ten who are to live two years each, and should young men enough be admitted to occupy half the room, the old brother for whom the hospital was supposedly built will be deprived of its benefits.

Your committee planned many improvements for the year and used about $600.00 per month of our funds for the betterment of the plant and surroundings. This compelled Superintendent Pumphrey to economize as far as possible. He bought $13,000.00 worth of provisions, clothing and small articles such as are furnished to individual members of the home and we do not feel that we have been specially liberal to the membership.

Thr farm supplied much that does not show in the charge for provisions but proportionately increased the salary list.

Special care for the sick cost us practically $5,000.00 for the year. In addition to this expense the sick were housed and fed as other members of the home. The new hospital has been officially inspected three times and the home once during the year by state inspectors and the three hospital reports were so flattering as to astound the members of your committee.

We hoped and believed that the hospital was giving good service but we had not rated it so high as did the inspectors, we quote the most conservative statement of the three. ''The hospital is the best I have seen. Everything was in first class order.''

Light, heat, power and water cost approximately $3,600.00. The closing of the wells by sand has made it impossible for the pumps to furnish an abundant water supply and for many weeks pressure could be maintained but a part of each day. Three hundred sixty-eight dollars worth of machinery was bought and put in use in the attempt to furnish water and while the situation is somewhat relieved the problem is not solved.

Brother E. A. Kanst of Lincoln Park in the city of Chicago visited the home at the request of the committee and plotted the grounds for a very modest scheme of landscape work. His services were largely donated and have been a great comfort to the committee who have long needed expert advice as to the best means for making the surroundings of the home attractive. Bro. Kanst also gave some attention to arrangement of the farm but the work most appreciated by the members of the committee was the location and plotting of a cemetery. This plot has been fenced and is now in use, thus relieving the brethren of Sullivan Lodge to some extent. Burial ceremonies can now be conducted by the officers of the lodge and attended by members of the home.

The Lloyd-Thomas Appraisal Company of Chicago listed all property belonging to the M. E. Grand Lodge and in charge of your committee and the insurance was largely increased to conform to the values placed on the properties by the experts employed. Liability Insurance was secured on all employees as required by state law.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter at its annual convocation in 1915 voted a donation of $5,000.00 for the maintenance of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital and Home. This sum was added to our Maintenance Fund and detailed statement of the expenditure of this amount for the hospital purpose is submitted herewith. Similar report has also been submitted to the R. A. Chapter. The action of the Grand Chapter in voting this gift to the hospital and home calls forth the hearty commendations of your committee and is acknowledged and appreciated by the M. W. Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodges throughout the State.

The farm is now in charge of a graduate of the Agricultural Department of the University of Illinois who finished the Agricultural Course at Champaign, June 15, 1916, and at once assumed charge of our Home Farm. Prospects are good for a new barn for winter and other improvements are on the way. Apparently we will have enough stock and feed to fill the barn when we occupy it. A herd of 19 registered Holsteins and 13 mixed grades are to be cared for. This is a young herd, eleven Holsteins and six grades being too young to milk. In the near future the milking herd will be ample for all ordinary requirement and will rapidly increase under good management. One team of registered Percheron mares was added to the farm forces in February, 1916. Unfortunately we lost one colt from navel infection and at this time have but one filly colt to be registered. We hope for larger returns next year. All the horses purchased in February, 1912, are still on the farm and in the harness. We have one colt for each year from the original stock and at present have ten head instead of six head bought in 1912. We are anxious to get into the hog business which is the profitable part of our farming operations when cholera can be avoided.

We had abundant pasture and bought one carload of young cattle for feeding. They are in very good condition and will soon be on feed.

New rules for the government of the board, the committee, the home and the hospital have been formulated and adopted during the year, and together with the special funds for barn, refrigerating plant and laundry will receive special mention in other reports.

Brother and Mrs. Geo. W. Pumphrey have been with us another year as superintendent and matron, and have worked unceasingly for the improvement of the home and its surroundings. Their duties have been numerous and insistent and have been performed carefully and unflinchingly. We feel that their work of the past year should be greatly appreciated by the members of the home and the fraternity at large.

We gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity to acknowledge the large debt of gratitude due from this committee to those in charge of the home and the hospital.

W. A. Dixon.
L. L. Emmerson,
Irving Shuman,
Executive Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of the Masonic Home.

To the Board of Managers of the Illinois Masonic Home:

Brethren:—I herewith submit my report as superintendent for the year.

The following list will show the names and number of our membership, number of applications received, and how disposed of, report on our Entertainment Fund, and also a brief report on the operations of the farm.

At the beginning of the year 29 of our members were residents of the hospital, 67 have been admitted during the year, 26 have been discharged, and 24 have died, leaving the present membership of 46 in the hospital, of which there are 10 women, 34 men and 2 children, the children having been transferred from the Orphans' Home to the hospital for treatment. The physician's report will show in detail the work carried on during the past in connection with the hospital.

Our special entertainment fund has been kindly remembered by various lodges and individuals during the past year, of which a complete list is given, to all of whom the Home expresses the most sincere appreciation.

Our Masonic Home Club which is composed of the members of the Home, and performs the duties usually connected with a regular Masonic Lodge, was organized a number of years ago and meets in stated communication once each week for a social time and to exemplify the work, and since

our members are now buried in the Home Cemetery, the officers of the Club have taken charge of the funeral services of all brothers buried here.

Through the kindness of the ministers of Sullivan we are enabled to hold religious services at the home on Sunday afternoons as often as they can be with us.

Sullivan Lodge Number 764 still continues to lend us a helping hand, for which we extend our sincere thanks.

The Home wishes to thank those who have kindly remembered us in the way of gifts, and words of kind appreciation during the past year.

We are indebted to the publishers of the following publications, The Daily Bulletin, Weekly Pantagraph, Reynolds Press, The Sullivan Progress, The Moultrie County News, The Windsor Gazette, Illinois Free Mason, The Masonic Voice Review, The Texas Free Mason, Illinois Masonic Review, Tennesee Free Mason, Square and Compass, German Post, and from the Library Fund we are supplied with daily papers and magazines and from which fund quite a number of books have been added to our Library.

We have had several entertainments during the year, and all of the members have had an opportunity to enjoy an auto ride, and many of them make frequent trips to town.

The Home has observed the usual holidays with dinners and a Christmas tree on Christmas eve, and the usual fireworks on the evening of the Fourth of July.

All the members who desire can make the trip to the voting place and conveyance is usually furnished by those seeking office.

Our two boys who are members of the Home attend the public school in this district.

Our corps of workers has been very efficient and harmonious during the year, and they deserve our highest praise.

Dr. Lawson, the physician, has been of great assistance to us and is always ready to labor for the relief of the suffering.

We desire to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their kindness and assistance in our endeavors to conduct the affairs of the institution.

Fraternally,

GEO. W. PUMPHREY,
Superintendent.

APPLICATIONS PENDING OCTOBER 1, 1915.

App. No.	Name	Lodge	No.	Location	Action
316	David M. Harvey	New Haven	250	New Haven	Pending
334	Wm. W. Donaldson	Tyrian	333	Springfield	Rejected
344	Frank M. Derry	Tyrian	333	Springfield	Approved
365	Wm. M. Booth	Shannon	490	Shannon	Withdrawn
371	Robert S. Renfrow	Hermitage	356	Albion	Withdrawn
374	William Young	Lounsbury	751	Barrington	Approved
376	Alfred N. Clark	Morning Star	734	Canton	Withdrawn
377	Alfred Gaddis	Russell	154	Georgetown	Withdrawn
378	John Runge	Kosmos	896	Chicago	Withdrawn
379	R. E. Singleton	Hardin	44	Mt. Sterling	Rejected
387	B. S. Smith	E. M. Husted	796	Roodhouse	Withdrawn
388	Eliza Fenton	T. J. Turner	409	Chicago	Approved
398	L. C. Buchanan	Edward Dobbins	164	Lawrenceville	Approved
403	William C. Hildreth	Vermilion	265	Indianola	Approved
410	Francis M. Young	Ashlar	308	Chicago	Approved
411	Neil C. McCallum	Englewood	690	Chicago	Approved
416	Mary R. Grout	Garden City	141	Chicago	Pending
417	Anna D. Collingwood	Western Star	240	Champaign	Approved
418	Sarah Melissa Boss	Washington Chap.	43	Chicago	Approved
424	James H. Grigsby	Pittsfield	790	Pittsfield	Rejected
425	Edward C. Allen	Englewood	690	Chicago	Rejected
426	Andrew Nelson	King Oscar	855	Chicago	Not eligible
427	William C. Howlett	Evergreen	170	Freeport	Approved
428	Wm. Clarke Detrick	Belvidere	60	Belvidere	Approved

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1915.

No.	Name	Lodge	No.	Location	Action
429	William Richardson	Lake View	774	Chicago	Approved
430	Henry Reasor	Clark	603	Martinsville	Pending
431	Frank E. Cadarette	O. A. Fay	676	Highland Park,	Approved
432	Henry Prentise	East St. Louis	504	E. St. Louis.	Withdrawn
433	Lucy R. Lane	Quincy	296	Quincy	Approved
434	Wilson H. Lane	Quincy	296	Quincy	Approved
435	Nancy M. Dodd	Sumner	334	Sumner	Approved
436	Richard Dodd	Sumner	334	Sumner	Approved
437	Frailey F. Lane	Lewistown	104	Lewistown	Approved
438	John Matzen	Sullivan	704	Sullivan	Rejected
439	John D. Carroll	Lovington	228	Lovington	Rejected
440	John A. Erickson	D. C. Creiger	643	Chicago	Approved
441	Augusta Frahlick	Waldeck	674	Chicago	Rejected
442	Jacob Frahlick	Waldeck	674	Chicago	Approved
443	Calvin Wheeler	Greenfield	129	Greenfield	Pending
444	J. W. Brown	Blue Mound	682	Blue Mound	Approved
445	John Hoffer	Fraternal	58	Monticello	Rejected
446	William A. Hammond	La Fayette	657	Grand Tower	Approved
447	Hannah Hammond	La Fayette	657	Grand Tower	Approved
448	Thomas T. Wilson	Landmark	422	Chicago	Approved
449	Charles W. Ballou	Freedom	194	Freedom	Approved
450	Christian Hildreth	Vermilion	265	Indianola	Approved
451	James Hanson Nichols	Fairfield	206	Fairfield	Approved
452	O. M. Cheney	Ark & Anchor	354	Auburn	Rejected
453	Henry Koenig	Accordia	271	Chicago	Rejected
330	Thomas Kennedy	Mystic Star	758	Chicago	Reinstated
454	John E. Boudinot	Olive Branch	38	Danville	Rejected
455	Seth A. Minard	Auburn Park	789	Chicago	Approved
456	Alice M. Minard	Auburn Park	789	Chicago	Approved
457	Thomas Johnson	White Hall	80	White Hall	Approved
458	Peter Paulsen	Avondale	921	Chicago	Approved
459	Elishama Beaty	Noble	362	Noble	Pending
460	Susan Dunlap	Tracy	810	Chicago	Not eligible
461	W. A. Kiger	Morrisonville	681	Morrisonville,	Withdrawn
462	Eliza Grove Joice	Covenant	526	Chicago	Approved
463	Annie E. Joice	Covenant	526	Chicago	Approved
464	Emilie Johnsen	Logan Square	891	Chicago	Approved
465	Samuel Baxter Miller	Enfield	677	Enfield	Approved

No.	Name	Lodge	No.	Location	Action
466	John F. Peterson	Altona	330	Altona	Pending
467	John P. Miller	Bluffs	846	Bluffs	Pending
468	Mary Jane Sutherland	Washington Chap...	43	Chicago	Approved
469	John Runge	Kosmos	896	Chicago	Approved
470	John Jacob Lyons	Keystone	639	Chicago	Approved
471	Michael Fox	Bee Hive	909	Chicago	Approved
472	Mary Butler	Pontiac	294	Pontiac	Approved
473	Aurelia M, Bradney	Bodley	1	Quincy	Approved
474	Helen Howard	Covenant	526	Chicago	Approved
475	Vincent F. Scott	Mt. Pulaski	87	Mt. Pulaski	Approved
476	Charles G. Roberts	Wade Barney	512	Bloomington	Approved
477	Elizabeth R. Craig	Iola	691	Iola	Pending
478	Frank R. Lynn	Woodlawn Park	841	Chicago	Approved
479	Sarah E. Gibbs	Mattoon	260	Mattoon	Rejected
480	Asbury E. Core	Harmony	3	Jacksonville	Rejected
481	Mary A. Core	Harmony	3	Jacksonville	Rejected
482	Henry M. Hurst	Marshall	133	Marshall	Pending
483	Wm. Montgomery Sproull	Greenville	245	Greenville	Approved
484	Henry C. Kurtz	Oakland	219	Oakland	Approved
485	Margaret A. Kurtz	Oakland	219	Oakland	Approved
486	Strother G. Barbee	Effingham	149	Effingham	Pending
488	Thos. F. Alexander	Hope	162	Sparta	Rejected
489	Henry A. Olson	W. B. Warren	209	Chicago	Approved
490	A. C. Hollis	Temple	46	Peoria	Pending
491	Edward W. Willasey	Paris	268	Paris	Approved
492	Mary A. Willasey	Paris	268	Paris	Approved
493	Marion Pickett	Dearborn	310	Chicago	Pending
494	James E. Whitbread	Gothic	852	E. St. Louis	Pending
495	Frederick R. Franson	Kenwood	800	Chicago	Pending
496	Olga Franson	Kenwood	800	Chicago	Pending
497	Frederick Franson	Kenwood	800	Chicago	Pending
498	Arthur Franson	Kenwood	800	Chicago	Pending

APPLICATIONS.

Pending Oct. 1, 1915	21	Approved	50
Received during the year	69	Rejected	15
Reconsidered	2	Withdrawn	8
		Not eligible	2
		Pending Oct. 1, 1916	17
Total	92	Total	92

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP.

Name	Date Admitted	Age	Lodge, No.	Location
Adam, Ernest	Sept. 3, 1908	84	Herman, 39	Quincy
Anderson, Nels	Sept. 12, 1908	86	Lakeside, 739	Chicago
Baker, Edward N.	May 18, 1909	78	Wade Barney, 512	Bloomington
Ballou, Charles W.	July 5, 1916	81	Freedom, 194	Freedom
Banvard, Benjamin	Aug. 5, 1915	67	Peoria, 15	Peoria
Benjamin, Lyman	July 12, 1915	72	Dearborn, 310	Chicago
Berhaupt, Louis	May 17, 1913	81	Pacific, 66	Knoxville
Birely, Henry F.	Dec. 27, 1904	87	Robert Burns, 113	Keithsburg
Brooks, Martin	Sept. 8, 1915	80	Hardin, 44	Mt. Sterling
Brown, J. W.	Mar. 7, 1916	78	Blue Mound, 682	Blue Mound
Buchanan, Lewis	Dec. 20, 1915	54	Edward Dobbins, 164,	Lawrenceville
Burt, Colvin B.	Nov. 17, 1914	69	Dearborn, 310	Chicago
Carpenter, H. H.	Dec. 29, 1904	94	Oriental, 33	Chicago
Carr, Calvin	Sept. 1, 1914	81	Cleveland, 211	Chicago
Cobiskey, Chas.	Apr. 13, 1914	68	Palatin, 314	Palatine
Derry, Franklin	Jan. 8, 1916	79	Tyrian, 333	Springfield
Detrick, W. C.	Oct. 27, 1915	72	Belvidere, 60	Belvidere
Dickson, L. J.	Aug. 15, 1913	78	Raymond, 692	Raymond
Dodd, Richard	Jan. 17, 1916	87	Sumner, 334	Sumner
Dunk, Charles	July 19, 1915	88	Shirley, 582	Shirley
Earl, Charles W.	Jan. 4, 1915	58	Arcana, 717	Chicago

Name	Date admitted	Age	Lodge No.	Location
Fowler, Wm. E.	Aug. 9, 1915	47	Olive Branch, 38	Danville
Fox, Michael E.	Aug. 2, 1916	66	Bee Hive, 909	Chicago
Frahlick, Jacob	Dec. 18, 1915	74	Waldeck, 674	Chicago
Funk, Chester	July 18, 1914	11	Exeter, 424	Exeter
Funk, Weir M.	July 18, 1914	13	Exeter, 424	Exeter
Furlong, Geo. M.	July 9, 1913	73	Blazing Star, 458	Carrier Mills
Green, Geo. W.	July 23, 1915	72	Wade Barney, 512	Bloomington
Grout, Chas. R.	Aug. 21, 1915	46	Blaney, 271	Chicago
Hammond, William	Jan. 21, 1916	67	La Fayette, 657	Grand Tower
Hardiment, William H.	May 8, 1915	75	Jerusalem Temple, 90,	Aurora
Hodgkin, William	Aug. 19, 1915	88	Lambert, 659	Quincy
Holder, W. H.	Aug. 5, 1914	83	Richard Cole, 697	Chicago
Hoover, J. W.	June 27, 1906	68	Greenup, 125	Greenup
Hostetler, V. N.	Aug. 20, 1915	59	Ionic, 312	Decatur
Hyndman, Samuel	Jan. 3, 1914	75	Mizpah, 768	Chicago
Johnson, Thomas	Mar. 4, 1916	77	White Hall, 80	White Hall
Johnston. Geo. B.	May 16, 1914	79	D. C. Creiger, 643	Chicago
Jones, John P.	Jan. 13, 1914	78	Temple, 46	Peoria
Kelley, J. B.	May 14, 1913	79	Mystic Star, 758	Chicago
Kennedy, Thos.	Jan. 17, 1916	72	Mystic Star, 758	Chicago
Kistler, John S.	May 12, 1905	70	Preemption, 755	Preemption
Kirkwood, Thomas	May 13, 1914	81	Dearborn, 310	Chicago
Knickerbocker, A. V.	Jan. 10, 1912	77	Euclid, 65	Naperville
Krick, Albert	Sept. 16, 1915	60	Constantia, 783	Chicago
Kurtz, H. C.	Aug. 17, 1916	75	Oakland, 219	Oakland
Lane, Frailey F.	Nov. 30, 1915	77	Lewistown, 104	Lewistown
Lane, W. H.	Dec. 6, 1915	75	Quincy, 296	Quincy
Larson, Nels	May 12, 1912	76	Apollo, 642	Chicago
Lively, J. H.	Feb. 29, 1912	74	Oblong City, 644	Oblong City
Logie, Ernest	Aug. 19, 1915	40	Blair, 239	Chicago
Lynn, Frank R.	Sept. 4, 1916	47	Woodlawn Park, 478	Chicago
Lyons, John J.	May 20, 1916	74	Keystone, 639	Chicago
Maroe, Wm. H.	Apr. 10, 1908	57	Kendick, 430	Timewell
Miller, Samuel B.	July 5, 1916	70	Enfield, 677	Enfield
Minard, Seth A.	Apr. 1, 1916	67	Auburn Park, 789	Chicago
Minkler, T. E.	Oct. 13, 1914	69	Aurora, 245	Aurora
Masters, Alex	Dec. 7, 1904	83	Central, 71	Springfield
Moore, James T.	May 13, 1915	67	Joppa, 706	Cowden
McCallum, Neil C.	Nov. 4, 1915	63	Englewood, 690	Chicago
McDannel, James M.	July 27, 1915	53	Golden Rule, 726	Chicago
McIntire, G. W.	Mar. 9, 1910	71	Vesper, 584	Galesburg
McKissick, Geo.	Feb. 22, 1906	64	Rock Island, 658	Rock Island
McLean, J. C.	May 8, 1914	61	Paris, 268	Paris
Nichols, James H.	May 10, 1916	69	Fairfield, 206	Fairfield
Olson, Henry A.	Aug. 28, 1916	34	W. B. Warren, 209	Chicago
Parker, James M.	July 14, 1915	76	Sandoval, 932	Sandoval
Paulsen, Peter	Mar. 28, 1916	65	Avondale, 921	Chicago
Pfirman, Geo.	Sept. 28, 1913	78	Lambert, 659	Quincy
Potts, Geo. W.	Dec. 9, 1912	83	Leroy, 221	Leroy
Plischke, Jas.	Sept. 21, 1912	79	Herder, 669	Chicago
Pritchard, Jas.	Mar. 28, 1912	80	Morning Star, 734	Canton
Quinlan, W. J.	Nov. 30, 1914	81	Ionic, 312	Decatur
Rich, James P.	Sept. 24, 1915	85	St. Clair, 24	Belleville
Richardson, Wm.	Nov. 13, 1915	63	Lake View, 774	Chicago
Roberts, Chas. G.	July 26, 1916	76	Wade Barney, 512	Bloomington
Rodefer, D. W.	July 20, 1915	46	Star in the East, 166	Rockford
Rouse, Frank F.	Oct. 17, 1813	54	Tyrian, 333	Springfield
Rundell, G. D.	June 28, 1905	85	Acacia, 67	La Salle
Ryan, James P.	Mar. 24, 1915	74	Granite City, 877	Granite City
Scott, Vincent F.	July 10, 1916	67	Mt. Pulaski, 87	Mt. Pulaski
Snell, W. H.	June 26, 1908	69	Benjamin, 297	Camp Point
Snyder, Geo.	Nov. 14, 1913	63	Hancock, 20	Carthage
Sproull, W. M.	Aug. 16, 1916	79	Greenville, 245	Greenville
Thorne, Harry	Jan. 1, 1912	75	Mattoon, 260	Mattoon
Todd, Harry	Aug. 5, 1916	63	Gothic, 852	E. St. Louis
Tucker, L. K.	July 30, 1910	83	Geneva, 139	Geneva
Wallace, W. W.	Nov. 22, 1911	78	Centralia, 201	Centralia
Watkins, Chas. F.	Dec. 30, 1913	59	W. B. Warren, 209	Chicago
Whitcomb, Geo. H.	Oct. 14, 1914	76	Meteor, 283	Sandwich
White, Saml.	Jan. 13, 1912	87	Blair, 393	Chicago

Name	Date	Admitted	Age	Lodge, No.	Location
Whitney, Wm. V.	May	18, 1914	72	Arcola, 366	Arcola
Wisenant, Henry	Sept.	20, 1913	77	Mt. Pulaski, 87	Mt. Pulaski
Withrow, J. J.	May	10, 1912	76	Occidetal, 47	Ottawa
Young, Francis M.	Jan.	22, 1916	73	Ashlar, 308	Chicago
Yunker, Fred	May	22, 1908	75	Wilmington, 208	Wilmington
Harold Frank Holzman	Transferred from Orphans' Home for treatment, Hospital				
Theodore Beenke	Transferred from Orphans' Home for treatment, Hospital				

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP (WOMEN).

Name	Date	Admitted	Age	Lodge, No.	Location
Alexander, Anna M.	Mar.	21, 1906	82	Ionic, 312	Decatur
Baker, Elizabeth	June	29, 1909	65	Wade Barney, 512	Bloomington
Bimrick, Margie	Sept.	17, 1913	73	Cedar, 124	Morris
Bradney, Aurelia M.	July	24, 1916	83	Bodley, 1	Quincy
Brooks, Nancy A.	Sept.	8, 1915	72	Hardin, 44	Mt. Sterling
Bruner, Ellen	Oct.	3, 1908	77	Piasa, 27	Alton
Burt, Margaret E.	Nov.	17, 1914	73	Dearborn, 310	Chicago
Butler, Mary	July	6, 1916	77	Pontiac, 294	Pontiac
Campbell, Mary	Oct.	19, 1913	66	Huntsville, 465	Huntsville
Collingwood, Anna	Jan.	12, 1916	59	Western Star, 240	Champaign
Davis, Amanda R.	Aug.	24, 1911	85	Jeffersonville, 460	Jeffersonville
Dodd, Nancy M.	Jan.	17, 1916	78	Sumner, 334	Sumner
Fenton, Eliza	Jan.	4, 1916	66	T. J. Turner, 409	Chicago
Greene, Bessie	Aug.	10, 1911	75	Covenant, 526	Chicago
Grout, Mary R.	Aug.	21, 1915	68	Garden City, 141	Chicago
Haley, Julia E.	Oct.	13, 1913	64	Garfield, 686	Chicago
Hammond, Hannah	Jan.	21, 1916	67	La Fayette, 657	Grand Tower
Hansell, Emily	May	28, 1915	64	Lincoln Park, 611	Chicago
Henderson, Anna G.	Jan.	20, 1915	72	Cairo, 237	Cairo
Hildreth, Christian	Jan.	21, 1916	76	Vermilion, 265	Indianola
Hodgkin, Aldina	Aug.	19, 1915	78	Lambert, 659	Quincy
Howard, A. W.	Dec.	20, 1912	76	W. B. Warren, 209	Chicago
Howard, Helen	Sept.	19, 1916	74	Covenant, 526	Chicago
Humble, Martha	Sept.	9, 1910	81	John B. Moody, 510	Iuka
Jarboe, Mary L.	Aug.	5, 1915	59	Kansas, 280	Kansas
Johnson, Rebecca E.	June	23, 1913	77	Quincy, 296	Quincy
Joice, Eliza Grove	Apr.	27, 1916	73	Covenant, 526	Chicago
Joice, Annie E.	Apr.	27, 1916	49	Covenant, 526	Chicago
Keller, Corvilla	June	28, 1913	81	Mattoon, 260	Mattoon
Lane, Lucy R.	Dec.	6, 1915	74	Quincy, 296	Quincy
Lawrence, Martha	Nov.	18, 1909	80	Cleveland, 211	Chicago
Minard, Alice M.	Apr.	1, 1916	70	Auburn Park, 789	Chicago
Phillips, Ella	Apr.	15, 1910	69	Murphysboro, 498	Murphysboro
Philhower, Hannah	Nov.	23, 1904	76	Mattoon, 260	Mattoon
Schnellbacher, Anna	Mar.	19, 1913	65	Empire, 126	Pekin
Sutherland, Mary Jane	Aug.	29, 1916	70	Washington Chap., 43	Chicago
Tedmon, Jennie	Feb.	18, 1915	61	Kilwinning, 311	Chicago
Tatham, Harriet	May	2, 1914	72	Greenville, 245	Greenville
Warner, Anna J.	Sept.	27, 1915	74	Covenant, 526	Chicago
Weddle, Elizabeth	Nov.	23, 1911	63	Pana, 226	Pana
White, Augusta	Jan.	13, 1912	89	Blair, 393	Chicago
William, Margaret	Jan.	3. 1915	67	Oak Park, 540	Chicago
Wisenant, Nancy	Jan.	13, 1914	77	Mt. Pulaski, 87	Mt. Pulaski

SUMMARY.

Children	4
Women	43
Men	94
Total	141
Married couples	10

DEATHS.

Date of Death	Name	Services	Place of Interment
Nov. 3, 1915	Edward R. Warner	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
Nov. 6, 1915	Geo. N. Van Houten		Chicago, Ill.
Nov. 24, 1915	Louis J. Kolar		Chicago, Ill.
Nov. 27, 1915	Lyman B. Phettyplace	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
Nov. 28, 1915	Richard N. Simpson	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
Nov. 30, 1915	William Jarboe	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
Dec. 5, 1915	Martha Smith		Joliet, Ill.
Dec. 11, 1915	Frank Cadarette	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
Dec. 22, 1915	George Titus	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
Dec. 23, 1915	Thomas H. Moore	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
Dec. 26, 1915	William C. Howlett		Freeport, Ill.
Jan. 24, 1916	Mary J. Cardy		Chicago, Ill.
Feb. 2, 1916	Oswin H. Bourne	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
Feb. 9, 1916	William Kuehl	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
Feb. 21, 1916	Isaac Van Slyke		Chicago, Ill.
Mar. 19, 1916	R. J. Dauphiney	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
Mar. 21, 1916	William C. Nelson	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
Mar. 24, 1916	Sarrah M. Boss		Chicago, Ill.
May 9, 1916	William C. Hildreth	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
May 15, 1916	Ernest Grunert	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
July 4, 1916	Charles E. Martin		Chicago, Ill.
July 11, 1916	Richard Cole	Masonic	Sullivan, Ill.
Aug. 22, 1916	Alfred Winwood	Masonic	Home Cemetery
Sept. 2, 1916	Edward J. Tedmon	Masonic	Home Cemetery
Sept. 6, 1916	James S. Patchin	Masonic	Chicago, Ill.
Sept. 7, 1916	Margaret A. Kurtz		Oakland, Ill.
Sept. 13, 1916	John A. Erickson		Chicago Ill.

MEMBERSHIPS TERMINATED OTHER THAN BY DEATH.

Date	Age	Name	Lodge	Cause
Jan. 24, 1916	65	Thomas T. Wilson	Landmark, 422	Withdrew voluntarily
Feb 28, 1916	63	Eugene R. Leipheimer	Garden City, 141	Withdrew voluntarily
Apr. 26, 1916	51	John Runge	Kosmos, 896	Withdrew voluntarily
May 1, 1916	64	Hiram M. Gutridge	Mystic Star, 758	Withdrew voluntarily
July 4, 1916	77	Mollie A. Walder	Cario, 237	Withdrew voluntarily
Aug. 25, 1916	64	Henry Clay Edgerly	Garden City, 141	Withdrew voluntarily

RECAPITULATION.

Membership Oct. 1, 1915	122	Died during the year	27
Admitted during the year	49	Withdrew during the year	6
Reinstated	1	Membership Oct. 1, 1916	139
Total	172	Total	172

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN FOR THE ILLINOIS MASONIC HOME AND HOSPITAL.

To the Executive Committee of the Illinois Masonic Home:

I herewith submit my report as Physician from January 18, to September 30, 1916.

The general health of the members of the home is very good for people in their declining years. The ages of the members range from 34 to 94 years. We have two little boys from the Orphans' Home at La Grange who are here for treatment in the hospital, and where they can be under the direct care of a trained nurse, and as soon as they are restored to health will be returned to the other home.

January 18th we had 40 patients in the hospital. Since that time 41 have been admitted; 22 discharged, and 13 have died; there are at this time 46 patients.

Three deaths have occurred outside of the hospital; Brother Van Slyke and Brother Erickson died while on visits to Chicago, and Brother Grunert dropped dead in the home.

We had one minor operation which recovered very nicely. We are now well equipped for surgical work.

We have a very efficient corps of nurses. Mrs. Margaret May is a capable and efficient nurse. She is assisted by Miss Stephenson, Miss White, Miss Hill, Mr. A. M. File and Mr. C. H. Tyler who are always ready and willing to do their duty.

Brother Pumphrey, superintendent, and Mrs. Pumphrey, matron, are two very busy people looking after the welfare of the brothers and sisters.

Fraternally submitted,

Dr. J. F. Lawson.

Farm Report.

The following list will show the receipts and expenditures for the year.

We have harvested 12 acres of wheat which yielded 197 bushels, and 65 acres of oats which yielded 2,730 bushels, 8 acres of clover, 20 acres of alfalfa, and 32 acres of mixed timothy and clover was harvested, a part of which was baled and stored in the barn, the remainder being sacked and will be fed on the farm during the coming winter.

120 acres was planted in corn, a part of which has been put in the silo, and the remainder will be cribbed and fed on the farm, 180 acres are in pasture a part of which is covered with timber and has not produced an abundance of grass; the remaining 27 acres of the farm is included in the orchards and grounds.

There are on the farm 14 head of horses; 9 work, 1 driver, 1 two year old, 1 one year old, and 2 sucking colts, there are 74 head of cattle of which 19 are thoroughbred Holsteins, 15 grades and 20 head of stock cattle. The dairy herd will be housed in the new barn as soon as completed, and the 20 head of stock cattle will be fed for the market or slaughtered for home consumption.

We have a small drove of hogs, 35 in number.

The farm has furnished the home with 75,430 lbs. of milk, the entire output of the herd.

The farm has furnished the home with a large quantity of poultry and eggs.

16,000 lbs. of fat hogs which brought $1,375.12 have been sold. These hogs were purchased at different times and cost $624.47.

35 acres will be sown to wheat and balance of stubble ground will be broken this fall to be planted to corn the coming season.

FARM FUND—RECEIPTS.

Oct.	15, 1915	Sold 3550 lb. fat hogs at 7c	$ 248.50
Nov.	24, 1915	Sold 63 bu. 20 lb. corn at 45c	28.48
Nov.	24, 1915	Sold 21 bu. 18 lb. oats at 32c	6.90
Dec.	15, 1915	Sold chickens and feathers	16.33
Dec.	22, 1915	Sold calf hides	5.21
Jan.	8, 1916	Sold 3 cords wood	9.00
Jan.	14, 1916	Sold wood	10.00
Feb.	5, 1916	Sold 1075 bu. 40 lb. corn at 60c	645.43
Feb.	28, 1916	Sold 64 lb. hides at 13c	8.32
Mar.	6, 1916	Sold wood	1.75
Mar.	6, 1916	Sold hogs	135.75
April	8, 1916	Sold cord wood	5.00
April	11, 1916	Sold cord wood	3.00
May	13, 1916	Sold 4130 lb. hogs at $9.25 (21 head)	382.02
May	25, 1916	Sold 3 cords wood	9.00
July	17, 1916	Sold 56 lb. chickens at 7c	3.92
June	17, 1916	Sold 4350 lb. hogs at 9c	391.50
July	22, 1916	Sold 188 bu. 50 lb. wheat at $1.08	203.94
Aug.	19, 1916	Sold 6½ cords wood at $3.00	19.50
Aug.	24, 1916	Sold 984 bu. oats at 40c	393.25
Sept.	4, 1916	Sold 2070 lb. hogs at $10.50	217.35
		Total Receipts	$2744.15

FARM FUND—DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct.	1, 1915	Balance Overchecked	77.83
Oct.	1, 1915	W. H. Martz, cutting corn	4.00
Oct.	15, 1915	John Bushart, order from Dr. Bromley	5.00
Oct.	15, 1915	W. S. Craig, blacksmith	5.25
Oct.	15, 1915	C. W. Higdon, feed	8.10
Oct.	15, 1915	J. M. Cummins and Son	12.15
Oct.	15, 1915	Craig Bros., implements and seed	83.75
Nov.	17, 1915	H. Roberts, 18 bu. seed wheat	22.50
Nov.	18, 1915	P. T. Harris, 5 bu. rye	5.00
Dec.	1, 1915	John Elder, payment on corn shredder	25.00
Feb.	5, 1916	E. W. Davis, coal	2.41

Feb. 10, 1916	C. B. Blankenship, 8 roosters	8.00
Feb. 10, 1916	C. W. Higdon, 10 sacks bran	12.00
Feb. 15, 1916	Carl Carter, shelling corn	10.75
Feb. 17, 1916	J. C. Batchelder, farm team ($804.00)	670.28
Mar. 9, 1916	C. W. Higdon, bran and shorts	27.00
Mar. 14, 1916	Joe H. Wood Jr., 5610 lb hay at $14.00	39.27
Mar. 31, 1916	W. S. Craig, blacksmith	32.50
Mar. 31, 1916	W. C. Bateman, veterinary services	12.50
April 17, 1916	C. W. Higdon, feed	8.30
April 27, 1916	W. T. Ainsworth and Sons, seed corn	6.00
May 20, 1916	Isaac Durham, 5 days' labor, grubbing	7.50
May 22, 1916	Carl Carter, pulling hedge 214 rods at 50c	107.00
May 24, 1916	Joe H. Wood Jr., hay	61.88
May 24, 1916	Sullivan Elevator Co., feed	13.20
May 25, 1916	F. L. Houghton, Sec. Holstein-Friesian Assn	25.00
May 27, 1916	Isaac Durham, labor	6.75
May 29, 1916	Daugherty Bros., hay	13.31
May 29, 1916	Jas. Dedman and Son, harness and repairs	18.30
June 3, 1916	Isaac Durham, labor grubbing 4 days	6.00
June 10, 1916	Isaac Durham, labor grubbing 5 days	7.50
June 17, 1916	I. C. R. R. Co., freight	44.38
June 17, 1916	Everett Powell, farm work	35.50
June 17, 1916	Isaac Durham, labor 6 days	9.00
June 19, 1916	Dunkin and Shuman, implements etc	204.85
June 20, 1916	Craig Bros., implements etc	133.10
June 22, 1916	Frank Spaugh, grading road	12.00
June 24, 1916	Archie Hudson, farm labor	9.75
June 24, 1916	Everett Powell, harvesting with team	11.75
June 24, 1916	Isaac Durham, farm labor	6.75
June 29, 1916	Delmar Stevens, farm labor	5.45
July 1, 1916	Isaac Durham, work in hay 6 days $1.75	10.50
July 1, 1916	Archie Hudson, 6 days' labor	11.50
July 1, 1916	Everett Powell, 6 days' labor with team	24.00
July 8, 1916	Isaac Durham, 4 days' labor $1.50	6.00
July 8, 1916	Everett Powell, harvesting	16.00
July 15, 1916	Isaac Durham, 3 days' labor $1.50	4.50
July 15, 1916	Isaac Durham, 2 days' labor $1.75	3.50
July 22, 1916	Isaac Durham, labor	9.25
July 29, 1916	W. C. Bateman, veterinary service	39.50
July 29, 1916	Isaac Durham, farm labor	8.00
July 31, 1916	Geo. Elder, hogs	100.00
Aug. 1, 1916	W. M. Grigsby, painting farm house and barn	74.20
Aug. 14, 1916	E. A. Ray, man and team	5.50
Aug. 14, 1916	G. W. Pumphrey, Holstein registry	2.00

Aug. 16, 1916	C. H. Elder, hay and oats	70.65
Aug. 19, 1916	Carl Carter, threshing 3730 bu. oats at 2c	
	8 bu. rye at 5c	55.00
Aug. 19, 1916	Isaac Durham, 4¼ days' labor	6.75
Aug. 26, 1916	Isaac Durham, 5½ days' labor	8.25
Aug. 26, 1916	Geo. Oliver, 25 bu. 60 lb. corn at 80c	20.70
Aug. 28, 1916	Robt. Collins, threshing 190 bu. wheat at 4½c	8.07
Sept. 1, 1916	George Elder, hogs	155.00
Sept. 1, 1916	J. A. Fitzgerrell, Percheron registry	10.00
Sept. 2, 1915	Isaac Durham, labor in cemetery and grubbing	7.50
Sept. 6, 1916	J. P. Elder, balance on shredder	30.29
Sept. 9, 1916	Alva Welch, 2 days' labor building fence	4.00
Sept. 9, 1916	Frank Welch, 2 days' labor building fence	4.00
Sept. 9, 1916	Isaac Durham, 6 days' labor at farm at $1.75	10.50
Sept. 9, 1916	Pearl Loy, labor filling silo	10.00
Sept. 9, 1916	Vernor Loy, labor filling silo	3.50
Sept. 13, 1916	C. H. Jenne, filling silo	55.00
Sept. 15, 1916	Frank Woodworth, filling silo	11.00
Sept. 15, 1916	Albert Freeman, filling silo	12.00
Sept. 15, 1916	Albert Woodworth, filling silo	7.88
Sept. 15, 1916	Laban Daugherty, filling silo	8.50
Sept. 16, 1916	5 days' labor at $1.50	7.50
Sept. 16, 1916	P. E. Loy, labor	14.00
Sept. 16, 1916	Frank Welch, 2 days' labor filling silo	4.00
Sept. 16, 1916	Lovel Conder, labor	10.50
Sept. 23, 1916	Lovel Conder, labor	7.50
Sept. 23, 1916	Isaac Durham, 6 days' labor at $1.50	9.00
Sept. 30, 1916	Isaac Durham, 5½ days' labor at $1.50	8.25
	Total disbursements	$2690.35
Sept. 30, 1916	Balance on hand	53.80
	Total	$2744.15
	Amount brought forward	$1288.87

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT FUND—RECEIPTS.

Oct. 1, 1915	Cash on hand	$ 344.13
Nov. 30, 1915	Marine Lodge No. 355	5.00
Dec. 4, 1915	Greenville Lodge No. 245	5.00
Dec. 5, 1915	York Chapter No. 148	25.00
Dec. 6, 1915	Temple Lodge No. 46	25.00
Dec. 6, 1915	America Lodge No. 889	10.00
Dec. 7, 1915	Garden City Lodge No. 141	25.00

Dec. 8, 1915	Blair Lodge No. 393	50.00
Dec. 9, 1915	Lincoln Park Chapter No. 177 to R. A. Memorial Hospital	20.00
Dec. 9, 1915	Lincoln Park Chapter No. 177 to Ill. Masonic Home	20.00
Dec. 10, 1915	Ancient Craft Lodge No. 907	25.00
Dec. 10, 1915	Columbus Lodge No. 819	10.00
Dec. 12, 1915	Accordia Lodge No. 277	10.00
Dec. 12, 1915	Avondale Lodge No. 921	15.00
Dec. 12, 1915	Apollo Commandery No. 1	10.00
Dec. 12, 1915	Olive Branch Lodge No. 38	10.00
Dec. 13, 1915	Lakeside Lodge No. 739	5.00
Dec. 13, 1915	Welcome Lodge No. 916	15.00
Dec. 13, 1915	Prudence Lodge No. 958	10.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Waubansia Lodge No. 160	25.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Jacob Ritterer, Chicago	5.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Sincerity Lodge No. 982	10.00
Dec. 15, 1915	Justice Lodge No. 949	10.00
Dec. 14, 1915	William McKinley Lodge No. 876	10.00
Dec. 14, 1915	Crescent Lodge No. 895	35.00
Dec. 15, 1915	Mizpah Lodge No. 768	25.00
Dec. 15, 1915	Union Park Lodge No. 610	25.00
Dec. 15, 1915	Delavan Lodge No. 156	5.00
Dec. 15, 1915	Lake View Lodge No. 774	25.00
Dec. 15, 1915	W. B. Warren Lodge No. 209	10.00
Dec. 16, 1915	Oriental Lodge No. 33	25.00
Dec. 16, 1915	Progressive Lodge No. 954	10.00
Dec. 16, 1915	Bohemia Lodge No. 943	25.00
Dec. 17, 1915	Mr. E. A. Jessurum, Chicago	12.50
Dec. 17, 1915	Pleiades Lodge No. 478	25.00
Dec. 17, 1915	Bee Hive Lodge No. 909	25.00
Dec. 17, 1915	E. St. Louis Chapter No. 156	5.00
Dec. 18, 1915	Cairo Lodge No. 237	7.24
Dec. 18, 1915	E. St. Louis Lodge No. 504	5.00
Dec. 18, 1915	Arcana Lodge No. 717	25.00
Dec. 18, 1915	Wrights Grove Lodge No. 779	10.00
Dec. 18, 1915	Kenmore Lodge No. 947	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Rutland Chapter No. 112	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Home Lodge No. 508	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Trowel Lodge No. 981	10.00
Dec. 20, 1915	Columbia Commandery No. 63	10.40
Dec. 21, 1916	John Corson Smith Lodge No. 944	15.00
Dec. 21, 1915	Austin Lodge No. 850	25.00
Dec. 21, 1915	Oriental Consistory S. P. R. S.	50.00

Dec. 21, 1915	Mattoon Lodge No. 260	5.00
Dec. 22, 1915	Chicago Lodge No. 437	25.00
Dec. 23, 1915	Veritas Lodge No. 926	25.00
Dec. 23, 1915	Garfield Lodge No. 686	10.00
Dec. 23, 1915	Banner Blue Lodge No. 924	10.00
Dec. 24, 1915	Matthews Gas Machine Co.	5.00
Dec. 24, 1915	Gothic Lodge No. 852	10.00
Dec. 24, 1915	Murphysboro Lodge No. 498	5.00
Dec. 25, 1915	Washington Park Lodge No. 956	10.00
Dec. 25, 1915	La Fayette Chapter No. 2	25.00
Dec. 25, 1915	Oak Park Lodge No. 540	10.00
Dec. 31, 1915	St. Cecilia Lodge No. 865	10.00
Jan. 5, 1916	Kenwood Lodge No. 800	9.00
Jan. 22, 1916	A friend	5.00
May 24, 1916	Republic Lodge No. 914	5.00
June 9, 1916	Oblong City Lodge No. 644	25.00
June 18, 1916	Carlock Lodge No. 904	10.00
June 25, 1916	Cicero Lodge No. 955	35.50
July 15, 1916	Sibley Lodge No. 761	5.00
Total		$1383.37

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT FUND—DISBURSEMENTS.

Dec. 1, 1915	East Side Drug Store, cigars	$ 10.00
Dec. 13, 1915	Catherine Drury, book	3.00
Dec. 18, 1915	V. N. Griffin, Christmas goods	19.00
Dec. 20, 1915	J. F. Humphreys & Co., oranges and nuts	55.93
Dec. 22, 1915	A. M. Kitchell Co., candy	16.00
Dec. 23, 1915	First National Bank, 125 $2.00 bills	
	125 half dollars	312.50
Dec. 23, 1915	Rev. W. H. Day	25.00
Dec. 23, 1915	Rev. W. B. Hopper	25.00
Dec. 23, 1915	Rev. Tharp	25.00
Dec. 27, 1915	Jobst Bethard Co., oranges and grapes	29.25
Dec. 27, 1915	J. F. Humphreys & Co., tangerines	4.00
Dec. 30, 1915	C. E. McPheeters, Christmas goods	5.00
Dec. 30, 1915	R. D. Meeker, Christmas goods	21.50
Dec. 30, 1915	Rexall Store, Christmas goods	59.90
Dec. 31, 1915	J. R. McClure, Christmas trees	7.50
Dec. 31, 1915	Electric fixtures, $4.50; express $1.01; cash advanced for carfare $20.00	25.51
Jan. 3, 1916	Sam B. Hall, cigars and grafanola records	55.05
Jan. 3, 1916	East Side Drug Store, cigars candy and stationery	54.70

Jan.	3, 1916	O. L. Todd, Christmas goods	28.61
Jan.	3, 1916	E. E. Barber, Christmas goods and Sunday papers	44.00
Jan.	3, 1916	G. M. Ritchie, entertainment	9.00
Jan.	4, 1916	N. Bommersbach and Son, decorations	75.00
Jan.	5, 1916	Mrs. J. W. Winter, turkeys for Christmas	31.86
Jan.	31, 1916	Sullivan Ice Cream Co., ice cream	17.50
Feb.	14, 1916	J. D. Leiper, toys	2.40
Feb.	24, 1916	Springfield News Record, subscription	3.00
Mar.	8, 1916	Standard Fashion Co., subscriptions	1.50
Mar.	9, 1916	Rev. Walter Aitken, entertainment	15.00
April	10, 1916	Springfield News Record, subscription	3.00
April	17, 1916	A. M. Kitchell, Easter candies	4.00
April	27, 1916	Lela Sampson, carnations	12.50
May	1, 1916	J. E. Wood, nuts	4.92
May	1, 1916	H. C. Shirey, oranges	9.00
May	11, 1916	Crowell Publishing Co., American magazines	12.50
June	7, 1916	Rev. W. H. Day	15.00
June	23, 1916	Lela Sampson, carnations	4.00
June	27, 1916	Express on 4th July goods	4.34
June	27, 1916	Masten & Wells Fireworks Co.	64.06
July	29, 1916	Purity Ice Cream Co., ice cream	6.50
Aug.	26, 1916	20 Chautauqua tickets	30.00
Aug.	26, 1916	R. D. Meeker, Easter souvenirs	6.60
Sept.	13, 1916	E. E. Barber, flags, band, etc.	7.35

Total expenditures	$1165.48
Balance on hand	217.89
Total	$1383.37

CHECKS ISSUED FOR THE $5,000.00 HOSPITAL APPROPRIATION.

No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
6	40.00	562	22.50	989	22.50
24	20.00	565	65.00	995	50.00
28	40.00	570	45.00	996	25.00
32	40.00	571	25.00	997	50.00
33	18.35	577	20.00	975	7.35
35	32.50	582	9.35	1003	20.00
37	12.05	583	9.35	1009	36.00
45	87.50	599	9.35	1010	16.00
48	13.50	609	14.00	1022	54.81
57	14.94	618	7.75	1028	15.15
110	13.00	624	20.00	1029	5.63

113	23.88	651	20.00	1030	90.00
114	19.84	654	45.00	1031	17.05
129	20.00	655	22.50	1032	2.31
136	40.00	657	65.00	1044	34.50
138	20.00	662	50.00	1050	12.50
140	65.00	663	25.00	1065	4.58
142	3.75	668	20.00	1066	5.39
145	20.00	671	20.00	1067	1.96
146	20.65	673	13.35	1068	53.04
156	43.50	675	6.00	1069	9.25
171	32.35	689	62.13	1075	14.00
175	25.00	692	132.50	1078	45.00
205	18.00	726	4.30	1079	25.00
212	65.00	731	11.91	1083	50.00
235	.625	739	20.00	1084	65.00
250	18.00	742	45.00	1093	20.00
251	22.50	743	22.50	1094	12.65
255	45.00	745	65.00	1100	40.50
257	20.00	751	50.00	1101	18.00
260	20.00	752	25.00	1107	6.55
266	43.35	756	18.00	1110	37.50
268	10.65	760	20.00	1112	19.40
316	5.35	764	20.00	1113	72.60
321	20.00	765	20.00		
326	45.00	792	50.00		
328	20.00	800	4.00	Total	4996.92
330	52.00	813	42.53	Balance	3.08
333	19.00	820	20.00		
336	41.00	823	45.00		5,000.00
337	25.00	824	22.50		
339	50.00	825	65.00		
341	20.00	831	25.00		
345	15.35	833	26.65		
353	38.60	837	20.00	Drugs	721.82
373	34.05	841	20.00	Furnishings	74.35
413	26.03	845	20.00	Physician	596.60
416	19.00	846	15.35	Nurses	2805.50
402	14.00	865	82.50	House Girls	793.65
432	5.35	909	45.00		
437	61.00	910	22.50	Total	4996.92
446	20.00	912	65.00		
451	45.00	916	45.00		
453	20.00	917	25.00		
456	65.00	918	50.00		

462	45.00	921	23.65
463	25.00	925	20.00
465	50.00	927	20.00
467	20.00	928	20.00
470	20.00	954	62.20
506	50.00	953	50.10
530	30.74	962	8.35
540	27.60	968	11.90
544	11.00	973	15.00
553	20.35	980	20.00
557	20.00	981	20.00
561	45.00	988	40.00

Secretary's Report.

La Grange.

Charged to Treasurer during the year—		
Maintenance account		$ 21,014.68
Building changes		4,000.00
Domestic Science		1,000.00
Clothing		59.95
Sundries		21.64
Medical		8.91
Furnishings		6.05
		$ 26,111.23
Less overdraft of previous year		148.51
Total receipts of the year		$ 25,962.72
Paid for—		
Provisions	$ 6,128.31	
Clothing	1,845.03	
Alterations and improvements	445.06	
Labor	346.59	
Printing, stationery, and postage	124.59	
School	370.72	
Medical	463.06	
Salaries	5,588.80	
Furnishings	887.50	
Light and Power	460.40	
Repairs	1,189.28	
Traveling expense	187.70	
Fuel	2,206.12	

Sundries—Superintendent		511.69	
Sundries—General		66.53	
Taxes		422.50	
Insurance		102.53	
Building changes		3,996.16	
Domestic Science		969.15	
Supt.'s Bal. 9-30-15	$ 615.79		
Supt.'s Bal. 9-30-16	243.05	$ 372.74	$ 25,939.18

RECAPITULATION.

Building changes, Grand Lodge	$ 4,000.00	
Disbursed	3,996.16	$ 3.84
Domestic Science, Grand Lodge	1,000.00	
Disbursed	969.15	30.85
Maintenance Fund, Grand Lodge	21,000.00	
Maintenance Fund, Sundries	111.23	
	21,111.23	
Disbursed	21,122.38	11.15
Treasurer's Balance Sept. 20, 1916		$ 23.54

C. S. GURNEY,
Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.—SULLIVAN.

Charges to Treasurer during the year maintenance account	$36,000.00	
Maintenance account transferred from hospital account	5,000.00	$41,000.00
Refrigerator account		3,500.00
Barn account		12,000.00
Laundry account		1,000.00
Emergent Fund		24.17
		$57,524.17
Treasurer's balance Sept. 30, 1915		4,619.64
Total receipts Sept. 30, 1915		$62,143.8-

Paid for—		
Provisions	$12,673.03	
Clothing and laundry	695.02	
Fuel	3,253.33	
Light and power	174.77	
Medical	4,568.16	
Funerals	117.70	
Salaries	10,705.35	
Labor	744.63	
Furnishings	1,660.10	
Alterations and improvements	3,765.89	
Repairs	740.65	
School	9.00	
Printing and postage	277.91	
Stock and feed	780.46	
Hospital, old account	2,417.35	
Traveling expense	545.13	
Sundries, supt.	118.15	
Sundries, general	13.43	
Emergent fund	.04	
Insurance	187.99	
Barn	5,449.74	
Laundry	1,000.00	
Legal expense	65.43	
Refrigerator	1,450.00	
Returned to Grand Lodge	1,796.70	
	$53,209.96	
Supt's. bal. Sept. 30, 1915	$98.62	
Supt's. bal. Sept. 30, 1916	2.49	96.13
		53,113.83
Treasurer's balance Sept. 30, 1916		$ 9,029.98

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance, Grand Lodge	$36,000.00
Maintenance, Grand Chapter	5,000.00
Maintenance, balance 9-30-15	1,772.57
Total	$42,772.57
Disbursed	42,772.57
New laundry	$ 1,000.00
Disbursed	1,000.00

New refrigerator	$ 3,500.00	
Disbursed	1,450.00	$ 2,050.00
New barn	$12,000.00	
Disbursed	5,449.74	6,550.26
Hospital, old account, on hand	$ 2,847.07	
Disbursed	2,417.35	429.72
Total		$ 9,029.98

C. S. GURNEY,
Secretary.

October 3, 1916

To the Board of Managers of the Illinois Masonic Homes:

BRETHREN:—I submit herewith a report of receipts and disbursements on account of Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan.

RECEIPTS.

October 13, 1915, recd. C. S. Gurney, secretary	$ 24.17
October 13, 1915, recd. C. S. Gurney, secretary	18,000.00
February 15, 1916, recd. C. S. Gurney, secretary	5,000.00

GRAND CHAPTER DONATIONS.

March 1, 1916, recd. C. S. Gurney, secretary	9,000.00
June 28, 1916, recd. C. S. Gurney, secretary	9,000.00
Total receipts	$41,024.17

DISBURSEMENTS.

Vouchers paid—Nos. 1224-26-27-28-29-30-32-35-36-37-38-41-44-45-46-48-49-50-51-53-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-67-68-69-70-71-73-75-76-77-78-79-82-84-85-86-88-89-90-96. Total	$40,956.70
Balance	67.47
Total	$41,024.17

IRVING SHUMAN,
Treasurer.

To the Board of Managers of the Illinois Masonic Homes:

BRETHREN:—I submit herewith a report of receipts and disbursements on account of Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home at La Grange.

RECEIPTS.

October 13, 1915, recd. of C. S. Gurney, secretary	$10,500.00
December 15, 1915, recd. of C. S. Gurney, secretary	29.79
February 2, 1915, recd. of C. S. Gurney, secretary	47.20
March 1, 1916, recd. of C. S. Gurney, secretary	5,250.00
April 17, 1916, recd. of C. S. Gurney, secretary	6.80
May 9, 1916, recd. of C. S. Gurney, secretary	8.91
June 9, 1916, recd. of C. S. Gurney, secretary	1.45
June 12, 1916, recd. of C. S. Gurney, secretary	6.43
June 28, 1916, recd. of C. S. Gurney, secretary	5,250.00
June 25, 1916, (Vocational Educational Fund) from C. S. G., sec.	1,000.00
Sept. 28, 1916, recd. of C. S. Gurney, secretary	10.65
	$22,111.23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Vouchers paid—No. 5330 to No. 5482 inclusive, except vouchers 5421-5425-5426-5427-5452-5473 and 5481, which total	$21,586.12
Balance	525.11
	$22,111.23

IRVING SHUMAN,
Treasurer.

To Board of Managers Illinois Masonic Homes:

BRETHREN: I submit herewith a report of receipts and disbursements on account of fund designated as Special Treasurer's account or Special Account A.

RECEIPTS.

Nov. 6, 1915	Received from Jas. A. Steele, former Treasurer, amount designated by him as Hospital Acct..	$ 1,821.20
Nov. 6, 1915	Received from Jas. A. Steele, former Treasurer, amount designated by him as Chicago Acct...	211.49
Nov. 6, 1915	Received from Jas. A. Steele, former Treasurer, amount designated by him as Sullivan Acct...	958.37
		$ 2,991.06

DISBURSEMENTS.

Vouchers Paid. Nos. 1231–1234–1239–1242–1243–1252–1247–1262–1263–1265–1266–1281–1287–5326 $ 2,734.02

Balance $ 257.04

IRVING SHUMAN,
Treasurer.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Sullivan, Illinois, October 2, 1916.

Board of Managers, Illinois Masonic Home:

Gentlemen:—This is to certify that Irving Shuman has to his credit in this bank as Treasurer of the Illinois Masonic Homes, the following amounts:

To account of Illinois Masonic Home Sullivan, Illinois... $ 67.47
To account of Illinois Orphans' Home, La Grange, Illinois.. 525.11
Irving Shuman, Special Treasurer..... 257.04

Respectfully,

C. R. HILL,
Cashier.

EXHIBIT "A"

Report on Illinois Masonic Homes as shown by records of the Secretary from September 30, 1915, to September 30, 1916.

CASH RECEIVED AND DISBURSED AND BALANCES

SULLIVAN HOME

Name of Funds	Balance September 30 1915	Received	Disbursed	Balance September 30 1916
Maintenance, year ended September 30, 1915.....	$1,796.70		$1,796.70	
Emergent Fund	24.13	$ 24.17	.04	
Maintenance, year ended September 30, 1916.....		41,000.00	41,000.00	
Hospital	2,847.07		2,417.35	$ 429.72
Barn		12,000.00	5,449.74	6,550.26
Laundry		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Refrigerator		3,500.00	1,450.00	2,050.00
Totals Sullivan Home...	$4,619.64	$57,524,17	$53,113.83	09,029.98

LA GRANGE HOME.

Maintenance, year ending September 30, 1916	$ 148.51	$21,111.23	$20,973.87	$ 11.15
Manual Training Fund		1,000.00	969.15	30.85
Building Changes Fund		4,000.00	3,996.16	3.84
Totals La Grange Home	$ 148.51	$26,111.23	$25,939.18	$ 23.54
Combined Totals	$4,471.13	$83,635.40	$79,053.01	$9,053.52

(Overdrafts appear in heavy figures).

EXHIBIT "B"

Report on Illinois Masonic Homes as shown by records of the Treasurer from September 30, 1915, to September 30, 1916.

CASH RECEIVED AND DISBURSED AND BALANCES

SULLIVAN HOME

Name of Funds	Balance September 30 1915	Received	Disbursed	Balance September 30 1916
Maintenance		$41,024.17	$40,956.70	$ 67.47
Hospital	$2,991.06		2,734.02	257.04
Barn		12,000.00	5,473.04	6,526.96
Laundry		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Refrigerator		3,500.00	1,450.00	2,050.00
Totals Sullivan Home	$2,991.06	$57,524.17	$51,613.76	$8,901.47

LA GRANGE HOME.

Maintenance		$22,111.23	$21,586.12	$ 525.11
Building changes		4,000.00	4,001.16	1.16
Totals La Grange Home		$26,111.23	$25,587.28	$ 523.95
Combined Totals	$2,991.06	$83,635.40	$77,201.04	$9,425.42

(Overdrafts appear in heavy figures).

Chicago, Illinois, October 7, 1916.

Robert J. Daly, Esq., President Board of Managers, Illinois Masonic Homes, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—Agreeably to your request, I have examined the records of the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Illinois Masonic Homes for the year

ended September 30, 1916, and hereby certify the appended exhibits "A" and "B" are true and correct statements of the receipts and disbursements of funds as shown by the records of the above mentioned officials.

Yours very truly,

R. M. Rickey,
Auditor.

To the Board of Managers of the Illinois Masonic Homes:

Brethren:—Your committee appointed to build a farm and dairy barn at the Sullivan Home, respectfully submits the following report:

The committee was selected October 14, 1915, and were together November 6th and November 14th, at which latter date the barn question was considered by the Board of Managers who ordered payment to be made for all preliminary plans. Brother R. C. Fletcher was then directed to proceed with the drawings from this time and submitted plans to the committee on January 16, 1916, and was directed to proceed with working drawings. Such changes as the committee directed were made from time to time and complete specifications were prepared and bids secured. These bids were opened April 9, 1916, and found too high in price for the appropriation. The architect was directed to revise the plans and specifications for the purpose of eliminating such construction as proved specially expensive and to secure new bids. These new bids were opened May 14, 1916, and the contract for concrete work was let. The foundations were practically completed by July 2, 1916, and the general contract for the superstructure was let as was also that for the roof tile and the architect was directed to have the silo built according to the Polk system by the lowest and best bidder.

The contracts in force at this time are as follows:

H. C. Creech, Sullivan, Ill.—General contract.....	$8,925.00
C. E. Hankey, Sullivan, Ill.—Concrete cement & silo.	3,858.95
P. B. Harshman, Sullivan, Ill.—Roof tile.....	975.00
Hunt-Helm & Ferris Co., Harvard, Ill.—Fixtures...	864.25
	$14,623.20

Before the foregoing contracts were let it had been thoroughly demonstrated that a suitable barn for the purpose desired could not be secured for the amount of the appropriation therefor, owing to the great advance in cost of both materials and labor. The situation was through the President of the Board of Managers explained to the Grand Master who with the concurrence of his Advisory Council authorized an increase of expenditure of $3,000.00 on account of contracts for the building.

The following payments have been made on account of this work:

C. E. Hankley acct. concrete work	$1,200.00
C. E. Hankley in full for silo	967.14
H. C. Creech acct. general contract	2,500.00
R. C. Fletcher acct. architects fee	650.00
	$5,317.14

October 6, 1916.

THE

OFFICIAL MONITOR

OF THE

MOST WORSHIPFUL
GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE
AND ACCEPTED MASONS



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OPENING PRAYER

Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we would reverently invoke thy blessing at this time; wilt thou be pleased to grant that this meeting thus begun in order may be conducted in peace and closed in harmony. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

And now may the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons; may brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us. Amen.

FIRST DEGREE

INTERROGATORIES BY THE SECRETARY

* * * * *

1. Do you believe in the existence of God?
2. Have you resided in this state one year or more, next preceding this date?
3. Have you ever before petitioned a lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for initiation?
4. Do you seriously declare upon your honor, in the presence of these gentlemen,* that unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and voluntarily offer yourself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry?
5. Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of Masonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire of knowledge, and a sincere wish of being serviceable to your fellow-creatures?
6. Do you sincerely declare, upon your honor, that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient established usages and customs of the Fraternity?

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*The Stewards of the Lodge should always be present.

SECTION FIRST

PRAYER AT INITIATION

Vouchsafe thine aid, Almighty Father of the Universe, to this our present convention; and grant that this candidate for Masonry may dedicate and devote his life to thy service, and become a true and faithful brother among us. Endue him with a competency of thy Divine wisdom, that, by the influence of the pure principles * * * * * * he may be the better enabled to display the beauties of brotherly love, relief and truth, to the honor of thy holy name. Amen.

Response. So mote it be.

READING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments.

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said let there be light, and there was light.

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The three * * * are the Holy Bible, square, and compasses.

The Bible is given as the rule and guide of our faith; the square to square our actions, and the compasses to circumscribe and keep us within due bounds.

THE LAMB-SKIN

OR WHITE LEATHER APRON

* * * * *

It is an emblem of innocence, and the badge of a Mason, more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other order that can be conferred upon you at this time or at any future period, by king, prince, potentate, or any other person, except he be a Mason; and which I hope you will wear with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity.

OR

My brother, I now present you this lamb-skin or white leather apron. It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason—the distinguished badge of a Mason.

It may be that in the coming years, upon your head may rest the laurel

wreaths of victory; from your breast may hang jewels fit to grace the diadem of an eastern potentate; nay more than these, with light added to the coming light, your ambitious feet may tread round after round of the ladder that leads to fame in our mystic circle, and even the purple of our fraternity may rest upon your honored shoulders; but never again from mortal hands, never again until your enfranchised spirit shall have passed upward and inward through the pearly gates, shall any honor so distinguished, so emblematical of purity and perfection, be conferred upon you as this which I now bestow. It is yours to wear throughout an honorable life, and at your death to be placed upon the coffin which shall contain your remains, and with them laid beneath the clods of the valley.

Let its pure and spotless surface be to you an ever-present reminder of a "purity of life and rectitude of conduct," a never-ending argument for nobler deeds, for higher thoughts, for greater achievements; and when at last your weary feet shall have come to the end of life's toilsome journey, and from your nerveless grasp shall drop forever the working tools of life, may the record of your life and actions be as pure and spotless as this fair emblem which I placed in your hands tonight; and when your trembling soul shall stand naked and alone before the great White Throne, may it be your portion to hear from Him, who sitteth as the judge supreme, the welcome words: Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

THE TWENTY-FOUR INCH GAUGE

is an instrument made use of by operative masons to measure and lay out their work. But we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of dividing our time. It being divided into twenty-four equal parts, is emblematical of the twenty-four hours of the day, which we are taught to divide into three equal parts, whereby we find eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother, eight for our usual vocations, and eight for refreshment and sleep.

THE COMMON GAVEL

is an instrument made use of by operative masons to break off the rough and superfluous parts of stones, the better to fit them for the builder's use, but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of it

for the more noble and glorious purpose of divesting our hearts and consciences of the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting our minds, as living stones, for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

SECTION SECOND

THE LAMB-SKIN

The lamb has in all ages been deemed an emblem of innocence. He, therefore, who wears the lamb-skin or white leather apron, as the badge of a Mason, is thereby continually reminded of that purity of life and conduct which is so essentially necessary to his gaining admission into the celestial lodge where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

SECTION THIRD

* * * what constitutes a lodge, its form, supports, covering, furniture, ornaments, lights, jewels, how situated, and to whom dedicated.

A lodge consists of a certain number of Free and Accepted Masons, duly assembled, with the Holy Bible,

square, and compasses, and a charter or warrant empowering them to work.

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THE FORM OF A LODGE

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THE SUPPORTS

Masonry may be said to be metaphorically supported by three great pillars, called wisdom, strength and beauty; because it is necessary that there should be wisdom to contrive, strength to support, and beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings. * * * *

THE COVERING

of a lodge is the clouded canopy, or starry-decked Heaven, where all good Masons hope at last to arrive, by the aid of a ladder, called Jacob's ladder, having three principal rounds, denominated faith, hope, and charity; teach-

ing faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind. But the greatest of these is charity; for faith may be lost in sight—hope ends in fruition—but charity extends beyond the grave, to the boundless realms of eternity.

THE FURNITURE

of a lodge is the Holy Bible, square, and compasses. The Bible we dedicate to the service of God, the square to the master, and the compasses to the craft.

The Bible we dedicate to the service of God, because it is His inestimable gift to man; * * * * the square to the master, because it is the proper masonic emblem of his office, and by it he is constantly reminded of the duty he owes to the lodge over which he has been called to preside; and the compasses to the craft, who, by due attention to their use, are taught to

circumscribe their desires, and keep their passions within due bounds with all mankind, but more especially with our brethren in Freemasonry.

THE ORNAMENTS

of a lodge are the mosaic pavement, the indented tessel, and the blazing star.

The mosaic pavement is a representation of the ground floor of King Solomon's temple; the indented tessel, of that beautiful tessellated border, or skirting, which surrounded it—with the blazing star in the center. The mosaic pavement is emblematical of human life, checkered with good and evil; the indented tessel which surrounds it, of those manifold blessings and comforts which surround us in this life, and which we hope to enjoy by a faithful reliance on Divine Providence, which is hiero-

glyphically represented by the blazing star in the center.

A lodge has three lights * * * *

A lodge has six jewels; three immovable and three movable. The immovable jewels are the square, level and plumb. The square teaches morality, the level, equality, and the plumb, rectitude of life.

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The movable jewels are the rough ashlar, perfect ashlar, and trestle board.

The rough ashlar is a stone taken from the quarry, in its rude and natural state. The perfect ashlar is a stone made ready by the hands of the workmen, to be adjusted by the working tools of the fellow craft. The trestle board is for the master to draw designs upon.

By the rough ashlar we are reminded of our rude and imperfect state by nature; by the perfect ashlar, of that state of perfection at which we hope to arrive, by a virtuous education, our own endeavors, and the blessing of God; and by the trestle board we are also reminded that, as the operative workman erects his temporal building agreeably to the rules and designs laid down by the master on his trestle board, so should we, both operative and speculative, endeavor to erect our spiritual building agreeably to the rules and designs laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe, in the great books of nature and revelation, which are our spiritual, moral, and Masonic trestle board.

SITUATION

Lodges are situated * * *

DEDICATION

Lodges in ancient times were dedicated to King Solomon * * * in modern times, to St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist—two eminent Christian patrons of Freemasonry; and since their time there has been represented, in every regular and well furnished lodge, a certain point within a circle, embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, representing St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. On the top of the circle rests the book of Holy Scriptures; the point represents an individual brother, the circle the boundary line of his duty. In going round this circle we necessarily touch on the two parallel lines, as well as on the book of Holy Scriptures; and while a Mason keeps himself circumscribed within their precepts, it is impossible that he should materially err.

TENETS

The tenets of a Mason's profession are brotherly love, relief, and truth.

BROTHERLY LOVE

By the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family—the high and low, rich and poor; who, as created by one Almighty Parent, and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support, and protect each other. On this principle, Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

RELIEF

To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men; but particularly on Masons, who profess to be linked together by an indissoluble chain of

sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the grand aim we have in view. On this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections.

TRUTH

Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate, and by its dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct. Hence, while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us, and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.

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THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES

Temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice.

TEMPERANCE

is that due restraint upon our affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice. This virtue should be the constant practice of every Mason, as he is thereby taught to avoid excess, or the contracting of any licentious or vicious habit, the indulgence in which might lead him to disclose some of those valuable secrets which he has promised to conceal and never reveal, and which would consequently subject him to the contempt and detestation of all good Masons, * * * * *

FORTITUDE

is that noble and steady purpose of the mind whereby we are enabled to

undergo any pain, peril or danger, when prudentially deemed expedient. This virtue is equally distant from rashness and cowardice, and like the former, should be deeply impressed upon the mind of every Mason, as a safeguard or security against any illegal attack that may be made, by force or otherwise, to extort from him any of those valuable secrets with which he has been so solemnly intrusted, * * * * * * *

PRUDENCE

teaches us to regulate our lives and actions agreeably to the dictates of reason, and is that habit by which we wisely judge, and prudentially determine, on all things relative to our present as well as to our future happiness. This virtue should be the peculiar characteristic of every Mason, not only for the government of his conduct while in the lodge, but also

when abroad in the world. It should be particularly attended to, in all strange and mixed companies, never to let fall the least sign, token or word, whereby the secrets of Masonry may be unlawfully obtained, * * * *

JUSTICE

is that standard or boundary of right, which enables us to render unto every man his just due, without distinction. This virtue is not only consistent with Divine and human laws, but is the very cement and support of civil society; and, as justice in a great measure constitutes the real good man, so should it be the invariable practice of every Mason never to deviate from the minutest principle thereof * * * *

FREEDOM, FERVENCY AND ZEAL

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CHALK, CHARCOAL AND CLAY

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CHARGE AT INITIATION INTO THE FIRST DEGREE

My Brother: Having passed through the ceremonies of your initiation, I congratulate you on your admission into our ancient and honorable Fraternity. Ancient, as having existed from time immemorial; honorable, as tending to make all men so who are strictly obedient to its precepts. It is an institution having for its foundation the practice of the moral and social virtues. And to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced, that, in every age and country, men pre-eminent for their moral and intellectual attainments have encouraged and promoted its interests. Nor has it been thought derogatory to their dignity that monarchs have, for a season, exchanged

the scepter for the trowel to patronize our mysteries and join in our assemblies.

As a Mason, you are to regard the volume of the Sacred Law as the great light in your profession; to consider it as the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the Divine precepts it contains. In it you will learn the important duties you owe to God, your neighbor, and yourself. To God, by never mentioning his name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his Creator; by imploring His aid on all your lawful undertakings, and by looking up to Him in every emergency, for comfort and support. To your neighbor, by acting with him upon the square; by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require; by relieving his distresses, and soothing his afflictions; and by doing to him, as in

similar cases you would that he should do unto you. And to yourself, by such a prudent and well-regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your faculties in their fullest energy; thereby enabling you to exert the talents wherewith God has blessed you, as well to His glory as to the welfare of your fellow-creatures.

As a citizen, you are enjoined to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties, by never proposing or countenancing any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws under whose protection you live, and by never losing sight of the allegiance due to your country.

As an individual, you are charged to practice the domestic and public virtues. Let temperance chasten, fortitude support, prudence direct you, and justice be the guide of all

your actions. Be especially careful to maintain, in their fullest splendor, those true masonic ornaments—brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Finally: Be faithful to the trust committed to your care, and manifest your fidelity by a strict observance of the principles of the Fraternity; and by refraining to recommend any one to a participation in our privileges, unless you have strong reasons to believe that by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our ancient Institution.

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SECOND DEGREE

SECTION FIRST

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Cor., chap. 13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no

evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. And now abideth faith, hope, charity — these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

THE PLUMB, SQUARE AND LEVEL

The plumb is an instrument made use of by operative masons to try perpendiculars; the square, to square their work; and the level, to prove horizontals; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of them for more noble and glorious purposes. The plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by the square of virtue, ever remembering that we are traveling upon the level of time, to "that undiscovered country, from whose bourn no traveler returns."

SECTION SECOND

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Masonry is considered under two denominations,

OPERATIVE AND SPECULATIVE

By operative masonry we allude to a proper application of the useful rules of architecture, whence a structure will derive figure, strength and beauty, and from which will result a due proportion and just correspondence in all its parts. It furnishes us with dwellings, and convenient shelters from vicissitudes and inclemencies of the seasons; and while it displays the effects of human wisdom, as well in the choice as in the arrangement of the sundry materials of which an edifice is composed, it demonstrates that a fund of science and industry is implanted in man, for the best, most salutary, and beneficent purposes.

By speculative Masonry we learn to subdue the passions, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, and practice charity. It is so far interwoven with religion, as to lay us under obligations to pay that rational homage to the Deity, which at once constitutes our duty and our happiness. It leads the contemplative to view with reverence and admiration the glorious works of the creation, and inspires him with the most exalted ideas of the perfection of his Divine Creator.

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IN SIX DAYS

God created the heaven and the earth, and rested on the seventh day; the seventh, therefore, our ancient brethren consecrated as a day of rest from their labors, thereby enjoying frequent opportunities to contemplate the

glorious works of the creation, and to adore their great Creator.

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PILLARS

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THE NUMBER THREE

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THE NUMBER FIVE

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ORDER IN ARCHITECTURE

By order in architecture is meant a system of all the members, proportions, and ornaments of columns and pilasters; or, it is a regular arrangement of the projecting parts of a building, which, united with those of a column, form a beautiful, perfect, and complete whole.

OF ITS ANTIQUITY

From the first formation of society, order in architecture may be traced.

When the rigor of seasons obliged men to contrive shelter from the inclemencies of the weather, we learn that they first planted trees on end, and then laid others across, to support a covering. The bands which connected those trees at top and bottom are said to have given rise to the idea of the base and capital of pillars; and from this simple hint originally proceeded the more improved art of architecture.

The orders are classed thus: the Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite.

THE INVENTION OF ORDER IN ARCHITECTURE

The ancient and original orders of architecture, revered by Masons, are but three—the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian, which were invented by the Greeks. To these the Romans have added two—the Tuscan, which they made plainer than the Doric; and the

Composite, which was more ornamental, if not more beautiful, than the Corinthian. The first three orders alone, however, show invention and particular character, and essentially differ from each other; the two others have nothing but what is borrowed, and differ only accidentally. The Tuscan is the Doric in its earliest state; and the Composite is the Corinthian, enriched with the Ionic. To the Greeks, therefore, and not to the Romans, we are indebted for what is great, judicious, and distinct in architecture.

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THE FIVE HUMAN SENSES

which are hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, and tasting.

The first three, hearing, seeing, and feeling, are most revered by Masons, because * * * * * *

THE NUMBER SEVEN

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THE SEVEN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

which are grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy.

Masonry, however, is more particularly founded on geometry, or the fifth science.

Geometry is that science which treats of the powers and properties of magnitudes in general, where length, breadth, and thickness are considered —from a point to a line, from a line to a superficies, from a superficies to a solid.

A point is a position without dimensions.

A line is a figure of one capacity, namely, length.

A superficies is a figure of two dimensions, length and breadth.

A solid is a figure of three dimensions, length, breadth, and thickness.

THE ADVANTAGES OF GEOMETRY

By this science the architect is enabled to construct his plans and execute his designs; the general, to arrange his soldiers; the engineer, to mark out grounds for encampments; the geographer, to give us the dimensions of the world, and all things therein contained, to delineate the extent of seas, and specify the divisions of empires, kingdoms and provinces. By it, also, the astronomer is enabled to make his observations, and to fix the duration of times and seasons, years and cycles. In fine, geometry is the foundation of architecture, and the root of the mathematics.

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GEOMETRY

is the basis on which the superstructure of Masonry is erected.

ITS MORAL ADVANTAGES

By geometry we may curiously trace nature through her various windings to her most concealed recesses. By it we discover the power, wisdom, and goodness of the Grand Artificer of the Universe, and view with delight the proportions which connect this vast machine. By it we discover how the planets move in their respective orbits, and demonstrate their various revolutions. By it we account for the return of seasons, and the variety of scenes which each season displays to the discerning eye. Numberless worlds are around us —all

framed by the same Divine Artist — which roll through the vast expanse, and are conducted by the same unerring law of nature.

A survey of nature, and the observation of her beautiful proportions, first determined man to imitate the Divine plan, and study symmetry and order. This gave rise to societies and birth to every useful art. The architect began to design, and the plans which he laid down, being improved by time and experience, have produced works which have been the admiration of every age.

The lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance, and the devastations of war have laid waste and destroyed many valuable monuments of antiquity, on which the utmost exertions of human genius had been employed. Even the temple of Solomon, so spacious and magnificent, and constructed by so many celebrated artists, escaped

not the unsparing ravages of barbarous force. Freemasonry, notwithstanding, has still survived. The attentive ear receives the sound from the instructive tongue, and the mysteries of Freemasonry are safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts. Tools and implements of architecture—symbols most expressive—have been selected by the Fraternity to imprint on the memory wise and serious truths; and thus, through a succession of ages, are transmitted unimpaired the most excellent tenets of our Institution.

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CHARGE.—SECOND DEGREE

My Brother: Being advanced to the second degree of Freemasonry, I congratulate you on your preferment.

Masonry is a progressive moral science, divided into different degrees;

and as its principles and mystic ceremonies are regularly developed and illustrated, it is intended and hoped that they will make a deep and lasting impression upon the mind.

It is unnecessary to recapitulate the duties which, as a fellow craft, you are bound to discharge. Your general good reputation affords satisfactory assurance that you will not suffer any consideration to induce you to act in any manner unworthy of the respectable character you now bear; but, on the contrary, that you will ever display the discretion, the virtue, and the dignity which become a worthy and exemplary Mason.

Our laws and regulations you are strenuously to support, and be always ready to assist in seeing them duly executed. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offenses of your brethren; but in the decision of every trespass against our rules, you are to

judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with justice.

The impressive ceremonies of this degree are calculated to inculcate upon the mind of the novitiate the importance of the study of the liberal arts and sciences, especially of the noble science of geometry, which forms the basis of Freemasonry, and which, being of a divine and moral nature, is enriched with the most useful knowledge; for while it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality. To the study of geometry, therefore, your attention is specially directed.

Your past regular deportment and upright conduct have merited the honor we have conferred. In your present character, it is expected that at all our assemblies you will observe the solemnities of our ceremonies, that you

will preserve the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity sacred and inviolate, and thus, by your example, induce others to hold them in due veneration.

Such is the nature of your engagements as a fellow craft, and to a due observance of them you are bound by the strongest ties of fidelity and honor.

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THIRD DEGREE

SECTION FIRST

SCRIPTURE READING

Eccls. XII, 1-7

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; while the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain; in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened; and the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music

shall be brought low; also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets; or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

WORKING TOOLS

The working tools of a Master Mason are all the implements of Masonry indiscriminately, but more especially the trowel.

THE TROWEL

is an instrument made use of by operative masons to spread the cement

which unites the building into one common mass; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection—that cement which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.

ABRAHAM,	JETHRO,
ADONIRAM,	JOSEPHUS,
AMMISHADDAI,	JEDIDIAH,
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BENJAMIN,	ZEBULUN,
BEZALEEL,	ZEPHANIAH,
BELSHAZZAR.	ZEDEKIAH.
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SECTION SECOND

MASONIC DIRGE

Solemn strikes the funeral chime,
Notes of our departing time,
As we journey here below,
Through a pilgrimage of woe.

Mortals now indulge a tear!
For mortality is here;
See how wide her trophies wave
O'er the slumbers of the grave!

Lord of all! below—above,
Fill our hearts with truth and love,
As dissolves our earthly tie,
Take us to Thy lodge on high.

PRAYER

Thou, O God! knowest our down-sitting and our uprising and understandest our thoughts afar off. Shield and defend us from the evil intentions of our enemies and support us under the trials and afflictions we are destined to endure while traveling

through this vale of tears. Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not. Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months is with thee; thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass; turn from him that he may rest till he shall accomplish his day. For there is hope of a tree if it be cut down that it will sprout again and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. But man dieth and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost and where is he? As the waters fail from the sea and as the flood decayeth and drieth up, so man lieth down and riseth not up until the heavens shall be no more. Yet, O Lord, have compassion upon the children of thy creation, administer them comfort in time of trouble, and save them with an everlasting salvation. Amen.

SECTION THIRD

THE SUPPORTS

Masonry may be said to be supported by three great pillars, called wisdom, strength and beauty.

BY WHICH ARE REPRESENTED

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The temple at Jerusalem was supported by fourteen hundred fifty-three columns, and two thousand nine hundred six pilasters, all hewn from the finest Parian marble.

WORKMEN EMPLOYED

There were employed in its erection one hundred fifty-three thousand three hundred three workmen; namely, three Grand Masters, three thousand three hundred masters or overseers of the work, eighty thousand fellow crafts or hewers in the mountains, and seventy

thousand entered apprentices or bearers of burdens.

THE THREE STEPS

usually delineated upon the master's carpet, are emblematical of the three principal stages of human life, namely, youth, manhood, and age. They also allude to * * * * * * * * * In youth, as entered apprentices, we ought industriously to occupy our minds in the attainment of useful knowledge; in manhood, as fellow crafts, we should apply that knowledge to the discharge of our respective duties to God, our neighbor, and ourselves, so that in age, as Master Masons, we may enjoy the happy reflection consequent on a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality.

NINE CLASSES OF EMBLEMS OR SYMBOLS OF MASONRY

Eight of which are—the pot of incense, the bee-hive, the book of constitutions guarded by the tyler's sword, the sword pointing to a naked heart, the anchor and ark, the forty-seventh problem of Euclid, the hour-glass and scythe.

THE POT OF INCENSE

is an emblem of a pure heart, which is always an acceptable sacrifice to Deity; and as this glows with fervent heat, so should our hearts continually glow with gratitude to the great and beneficent author of our existence for the manifold blessings and comforts we enjoy.

THE BEE-HIVE

is an emblem of industry, and recommends the practice of that virtue to all created beings, from the highest

seraph in Heaven to the lowest reptile of the dust. It teaches us that as we came into the world rational and intelligent beings, so we should ever be industrious ones; never sitting down contented while our fellow-creatures around us are in want, especially when it is in our power to relieve them without inconvenience to ourselves.

When we take a survey of nature, we view man, in his infancy more helpless and indigent than the brute creation; he lies languishing for days, months, and years, totally incapable of providing sustenance for himself, of guarding against the attacks of the wild beasts of the field, or sheltering himself from the inclemencies of the weather.

It might have pleased the great Creator of heaven and earth to have made man independent; but, as dependence is one of the strongest bonds of soci-

ety, mankind were made dependent on each other for protection and security, as they thereby enjoy better opportunities for fulfilling the duties of reciprocal love and friendship. Thus was man formed for social and active life, the noblest part of the work of God; and he that will so demean himself as not to be endeavoring to add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding may be deemed a drone in the hive of nature, a useless member of society, and unworthy of our protection as Masons.

THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS GUARDED BY THE TYLER'S SWORD

reminds us that we should be ever watchful and guarded in our thoughts, words and actions, particularly when before the uninitiated; ever bearing in remembrance those truly Masonic virtues, silence and circumspection.

THE SWORD POINTING TO A NAKED HEART

demonstrates that justice will sooner or later overtake us; and although our thoughts, words, and actions may be hidden from the eyes of man, yet that

ALL-SEEING EYE

whom the sun, moon and stars obey, and under whose watchful care even comets perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward us according to our merits.

THE ANCHOR AND ARK

are emblems of a well-grounded hope and a well-spent life. They are emblematical of that Divine Ark which safely wafts us over this tempestuous sea of troubles, and that anchor which shall safely moor us in a peaceful harbor, where the wicked cease from

troubling, and the weary shall find rest.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH PROBLEM OF EUCLID

was an invention of our ancient friend and brother, the great Pythagoras, who, in his travels through Asia, Africa, and Europe, was initiated into several orders of priesthood, and is said to have been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This wise philosopher enriched his mind abundantly in a general knowledge of things, more especially in geometry, or Masonry. On this subject he drew out many problems and theorems; and among the most distinguished he erected this, when, in the joy of his heart, he exclaimed, Eureka! signifying, in the Grecian language, I have found it; and upon the discovery of which he is said to have sacrificed a hecatomb. It teaches

Masons to be general lovers of the arts and sciences.

THE HOUR-GLASS

is an emblem of human life. Behold, how swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close! We cannot, without astonishment, behold the little particles which are contained in this machine, how they pass away almost imperceptibly, and yet, to our surprise, in the short space of an hour, they are all exhausted. Thus wastes man! today he puts forth the tender leaves of hope; tomorrow blossoms, and bears his blushing honors thick upon him; the next day comes a frost, which nips the shoot, and when he thinks his greatness is still aspiring, he falls, like autumn leaves, to enrich our mother earth.

THE SCYTHE

is an emblem of time, which cuts the brittle thread of life, and launches us into eternity. Behold, what havoc the scythe of time makes among the human race; if, perchance, we escape the numerous evils incident to childhood and youth, and, with health and vigor, arrive at the years of manhood, yet withal we must soon be cut down by the all-devouring scythe of time, and be gathered to the land where our fathers have gone before us.

Lastly,

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CHARGE.—THIRD DEGREE

My Brother: Your zeal for our Institution, the progress you have made in our mysteries, and your steady conformity to our useful regulations, have pointed you out as a proper object for this peculiar mark of our favor.

Duty and honor now alike bind you to be faithful to every trust; to support the dignity of your character on all occasions; and strenuously to enforce, by precept and example, a steady obedience to the tenets of Freemasonry. Exemplary conduct on your part will convince the world that merit is the just title to our privileges, and that on you our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.

As a Master Mason you are authorized to correct the irregularities of your less informed brethren, to fortify their minds with resolution against the snares of the insidious, and to guard them against every allurement to vicious practices. To preserve unsullied the reputation of the Fraternity ought to be your constant care; and therefore it becomes your province to caution the inexperienced against a breach of fidelity. To your inferiors in rank or office you are to recommend

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obedience and submission; to your equals, courtesy and affability; to your superiors, kindness and condescension. Universal benevolence you are zealously to inculcate, and, by the regularity of your own conduct, endeavor to remove every aspersion against this venerable Institution. Our ancient landmarks you are carefully to preserve, and not suffer them, on any pretence, to be infringed, or countenance a deviation from our established customs.

Your honor and reputation are concerned in supporting with dignity the respectable character you now bear. Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows, or betray your trust; but be true and faithful, * * * * Thus you will render yourself deserving of the honor we have conferred, and worthy of the confidence we have reposed in you.

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And now, my brethren, let us see to it, and so regulate our lives, by the plumbline of justice, ever squaring our actions by the square of virtue that when the grand warden of Heaven shall call for us, we may be found ready. Let us cultivate assiduously the noble tenets of our profession, brotherly love, relief, and truth; from the square learn morality; from the level equality; and from the plumb rectitude of life.

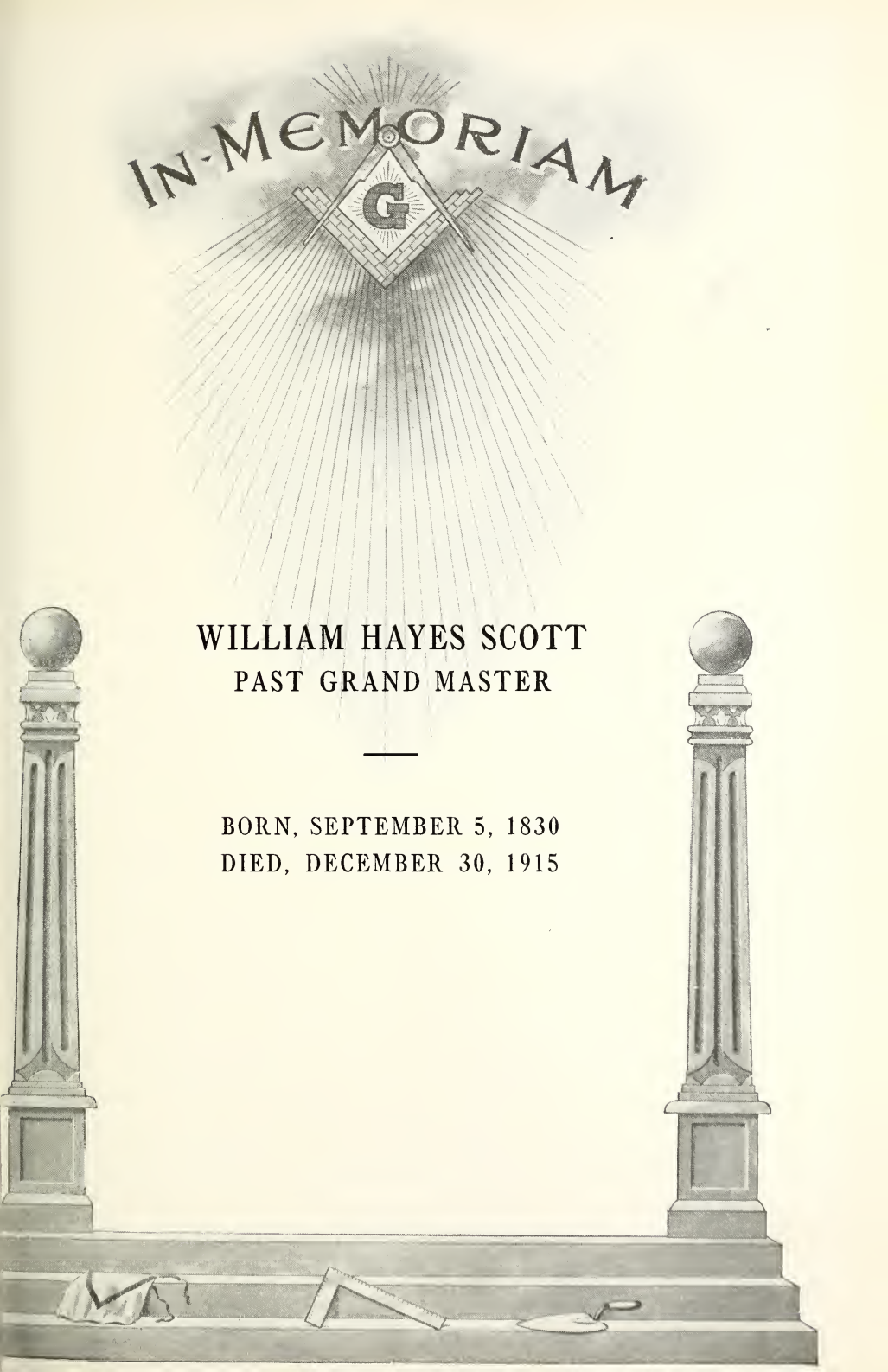
Let us imitate in all his varied perfection * * * * * * * Let us emulate his amiable and virtuous character, his unfeigned piety to God and his inflexible fidelity to his trust, and as the * * * * * * * * * * so may virtue, by its ever blooming loveliness, designate us as Free

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and Accepted Masons. With the trowel spread liberally the cement of brotherly love; circumscribed by the compasses, let us ponder well our words and actions, and let all the energies of our minds and the affections of our souls be employed in the attainment of our Supreme Grand Master's approbation. Then, when our dissolution draws nigh, and the cold winds of death come sighing around us, and his chill dews already glisten upon our foreheads, with joy shall we obey the summons of the grand warden of Heaven and go from our labors on earth to eternal refreshment in the paradise of God, where, by the benefit of the pass of a pure and blameless life and an unshaken confidence in the merits of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, shall we gain ready admission into the celestial lodge where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; there, placed at His right hand,

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He will be pleased to pronounce us just and upright Masons. Then, my brethren, will we be fitly prepared for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, where no discordant voice shall arise, and all the soul shall experience shall be perfect bliss, and all it shall express shall be perfect praise, and love divine ennoble every heart, and hosannas exalted employ every tongue.



WILLIAM HAYES SCOTT

PAST GRAND MASTER

BORN, SEPTEMBER 5, 1830

DIED, DECEMBER 30, 1915



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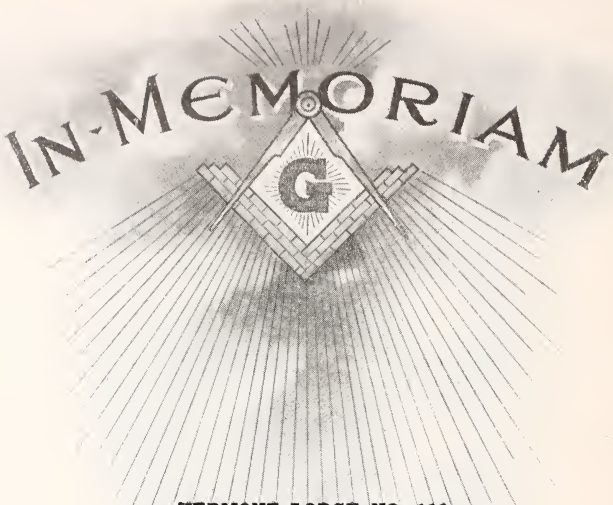
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WM. S. FROST.....June 7, 1916

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J. S. HARTLEY.....June 13, 1916



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JAMES A. ARMBOLZ.....July 7, 1915

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JAMES SACKET HEMSTREET.....December 1, 1915

EDWARD DOBBINS LODGE NO. 164

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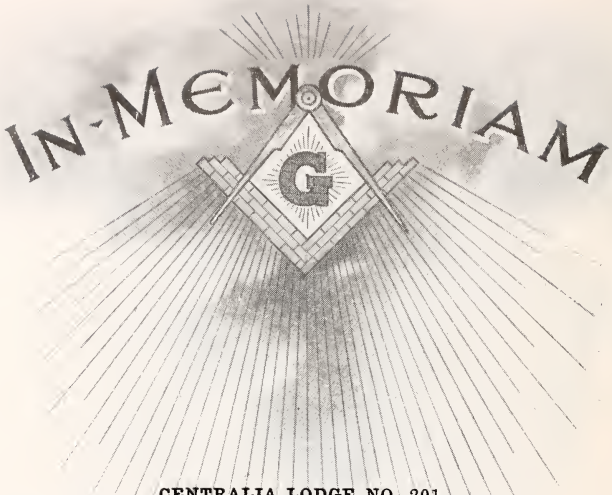
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WM. FULTON BUNDY.....January 9, 1916

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GEO. F. SINCLAIR.....December 7, 1915

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ANDREW SHIELDS July 1, 1915

SHEKINAH LODGE NO. 241

THOMAS J. ELDER.....February 29, 1916

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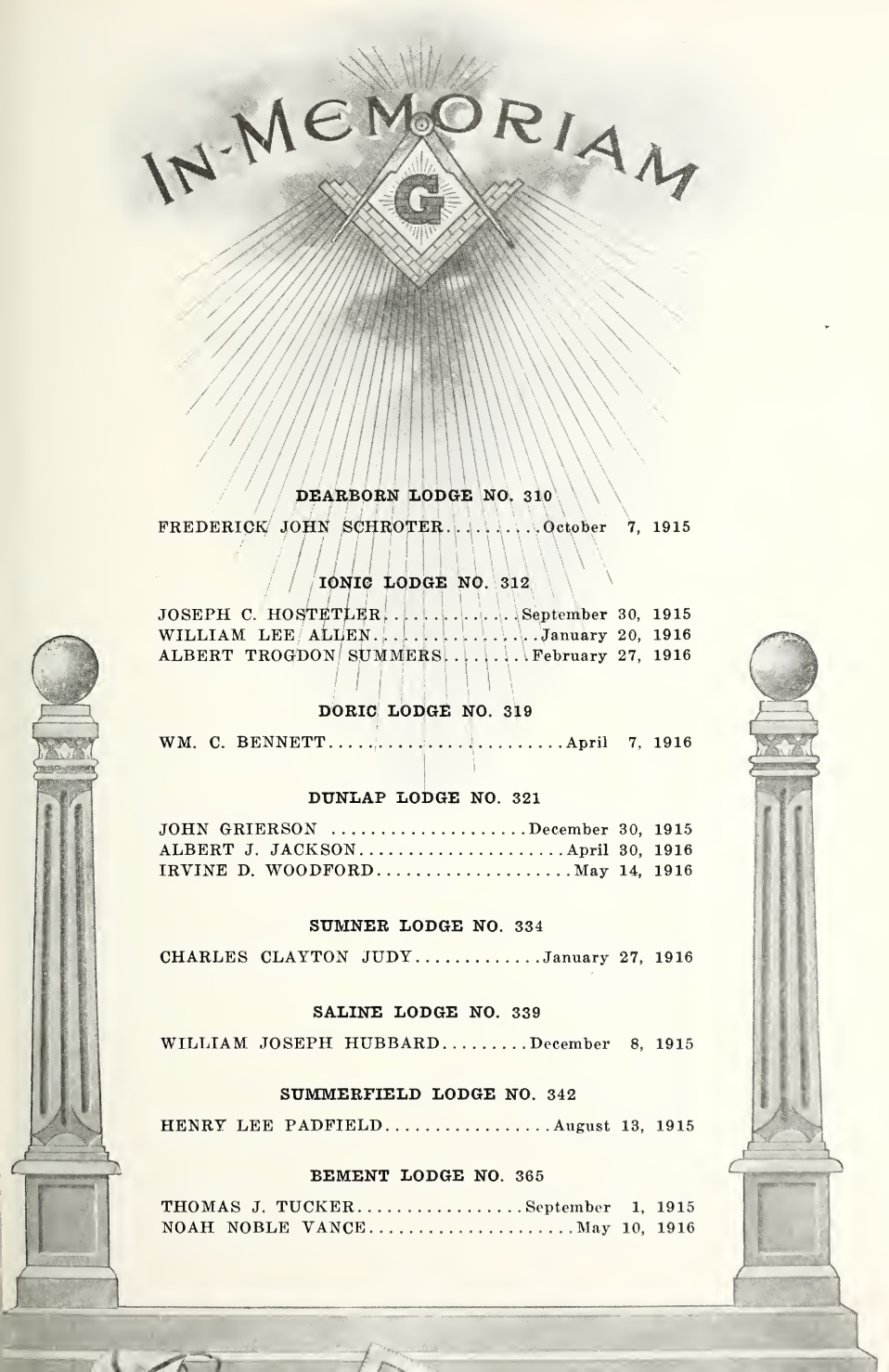
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WM. C. BENNETT.....April 7, 1916

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JOHN GRIERSON December 30, 1915
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IRVINE D. WOODFORD.....May 14, 1916

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CHARLES CLAYTON JUDY.....January 27, 1916

SALINE LODGE NO. 339

WILLIAM JOSEPH HUBBARD.....December 8, 1915

SUMMERFIELD LODGE NO. 342

HENRY LEE PADFIELD.....August 13, 1915

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THOMAS J. TUCKER.....September 1, 1915
NOAH NOBLE VANCE.....May 10, 1916



NEWMAN LODGE NO. 369

BRUCE WILLIAM VANDINE.....January 3, 1916

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JOHN L. LENFESTEY.....no information

JERSEYVILLE LODGE NO. 394

CHARLES E. MINER.....November 21, 1915

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GEORGE E. BROOKS.....January 24, 1916

RAMSEY LODGE NO. 405

JESSE MAYS October 9, 1915

BETHALTO LODGE NO. 406

JACOB FREY July 7, 1915

MITHRA LODGE NO. 410

CHRISTOPH J. FRANKS.....January 12, 1916

WASHBURN LODGE NO. 421

JAMES TWEDDALE January 8, 1916

LANDMARK LODGE NO. 422

EDWIN TITUS DOYLE.....November 6, 1915

RED BUD LODGE NO. 427

JOHN WRIGHT LAW.....June 30, 1916



YATES CITY LODGE NO. 448

PETER GARRISON March 24, 1916

RANTOUL LODGE NO. 470

FRANCIS M. AVEY.....(no information)

EDGEWOOD LODGE NO. 484

JOSEPH DANKS September 21, 1915

BOWEN LODGE NO. 486

ARTHUR McNEALL May 7, 1916

ST. PAUL LODGE NO. 500,

GEORGE TAYLOR, JR.....October 23, 1915

STARK LODGE NO. 501

JOSEPH G. REED.....January 24, 1916

EAST ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. 504

CHARLES M. MUSGRAVE.....July 3, 1915

ANNA LODGE NO. 520

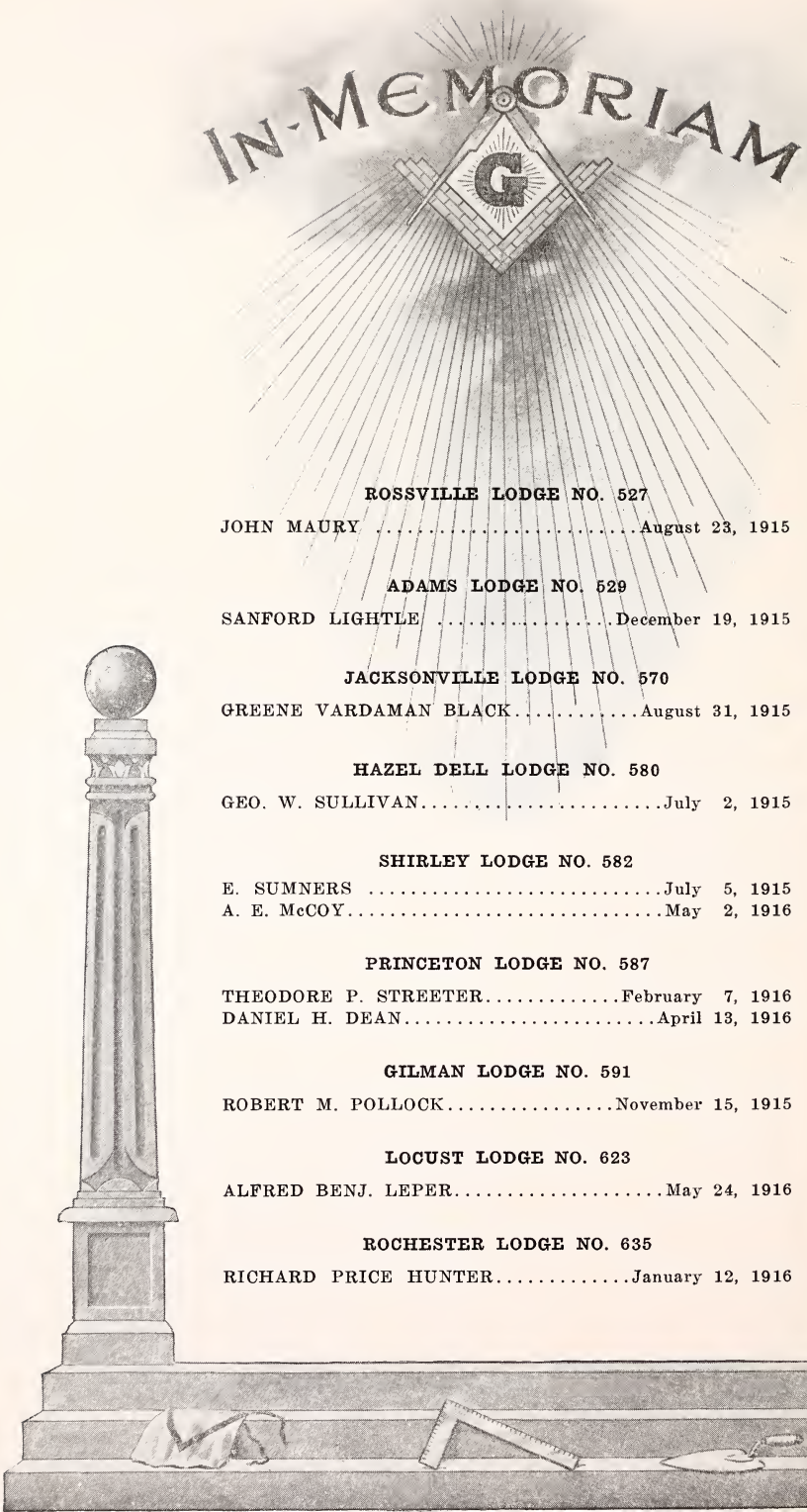
W. W. THOMAS.....November 13, 1915

EVANS LODGE NO. 524

GEORGE D. MOSELEY.....March 15, 1916

COVENANT LODGE NO. 526

WM. KERR January 18, 1916



ROSSVILLE LODGE NO. 527

JOHN MAURY August 23, 1915

ADAMS LODGE NO. 529

SANFORD LIGHTLE December 19, 1915

JACKSONVILLE LODGE NO. 570

GREENE VARDAMAN BLACK August 31, 1915

HAZEL DELL LODGE NO. 580

GEO. W. SULLIVAN July 2, 1915

SHIRLEY LODGE NO. 582

E. SUMNERS July 5, 1915
A. E. McCOY May 2, 1916

PRINCETON LODGE NO. 587

THEODORE P. STREETER February 7, 1916
DANIEL H. DEAN April 13, 1916

GILMAN LODGE NO. 591

ROBERT M. POLLOCK November 15, 1915

LOCUST LODGE NO. 623

ALFRED BENJ. LEPER May 24, 1916

ROCHESTER LODGE NO. 635

RICHARD PRICE HUNTER January 12, 1916



APOLLO LODGE NO. 642

FREDERICK WALLER February 1, 1916

ROCK ISLAND LODGE NO. 658

HENRY CARSE November 1, 1915

MAYO LODGE NO. 664

JAMES THOMAS POYNTER April 15, 1916

BURNT PRAIRIE LODGE NO. 668

J. R. ENNIS July 3, 1916

HERDER LODGE NO. 669

MAGNUS KETTNER July 23, 1915

CLEMENT LODGE NO. 680

RICHARD D. JONES October 16, 1915

ENGLEWOOD LODGE NO. 690

DAVID W. ROSSITER April 18, 1916

TEMPLE HILL LODGE NO. 701

GEO. S. DODD April 23, 1916

BRAIDWOOD LODGE NO. 704

FRANK S. PACKARD September 20, 1915
JAMES W. PATTERSON April 13, 1916



TRILUMINAR LODGE NO. 767

VIRGIL LATIMAR DeWITT.....September 17, 1916

LONDON LODGE NO. 848

IRVING C. FOX.....July 28, 1915

PALESTINE LODGE NO. 849

JOHN L. THOMPSON.....July 14, 1915
MOSES H. PERRIN.....August, 1915

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE NO. 863

ALBERT DAVIS January 10, 1916

LOSTANT LODGE NO. 870

WM. GRUNDY WILSON.....January 15, 1916

CORNERSTONE LODGE NO. 875

EDGAR CLINTON JACKSON.....April 1, 1916

UTOPIA LODGE NO. 894

WILLIAM E. SUMMER.....December 6, 1915



OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

ARIZONA

BENJAMIN TITUS March 18, 1916
Past Grand Master

ARKANSAS

ANTONIO BROOKS GRACE.....December 2, 1915
Past Grand Master

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AYERS.....August 2, 1915
Past Grand Master

AMOS J. WITT.....March 17, 1915
Past Grand Master

COLORADO

ZACHARIAH X. SNYDER.....November 11, 1915
Past Grand Chaplain

CONNECTICUT

STANLEY B. BOSWORTH.....April 29, 1916
Grand Treasurer

ASA P. FITCH.....March 29, 1916
Past Grand Master

DELAWARE

ALFRED D. WARNER.....December 6, 1915
Past Grand Treasurer

VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON.....December 28, 1915
Past Grand Master

R. HENRY YOUNG.....November 15, 1915
Past Grand Master



FLORIDA

ENOS WASGATE March 5, 1915
Past Grand Master

GEORGIA

WILLIAM ALEXANDER WOLIHIN.....February 9, 1916
Grand Secretary

IDAHO

THEOPHILUS W. RANDALL.....April 6, 1916
Past Senior Grand Warden and Past Grand Secretary

INDIANA

DANIEL McDONALD January 9, 1916
Past Grand Master

SIDNEY W. DOUGLAS.....January 10, 1916
Past Grand Master

EDWARD HIGHLY WOLFE.....August 17, 1916
Grand Inspector

IOWA.

CHARLES TRUMBULL GRANGER.....October 26, 1915
Past Grand Master

WILLIAM FISKE CLEVELAND.....February 19, 1916
Past Grand Master

LOUISIANA

ALFRED W. CHEESMAN.....September 30, 1915
Past Grand Master

MICHIGAN

LUCIAN ELY WOOD.....June 5, 1916
Past Grand Master



MISSISSIPPI

ALLAN M. HICKS.....September 22, 1915
Grand Lecturer and Honorary Past Grand Master

NEBRASKA

JOHN BELL DINSMORE.....October 6, 1915
Past Grand Master

WILLIAM AMOS DeBORD.....May 17, 1916
Past Grand Master

NEW YORK

CHARLES W. MEAD.....September 28, 1915
Past Grand Master

NORTH DAKOTA

HALFDAN BENDEKE September 23, 1915
Past Grand Master

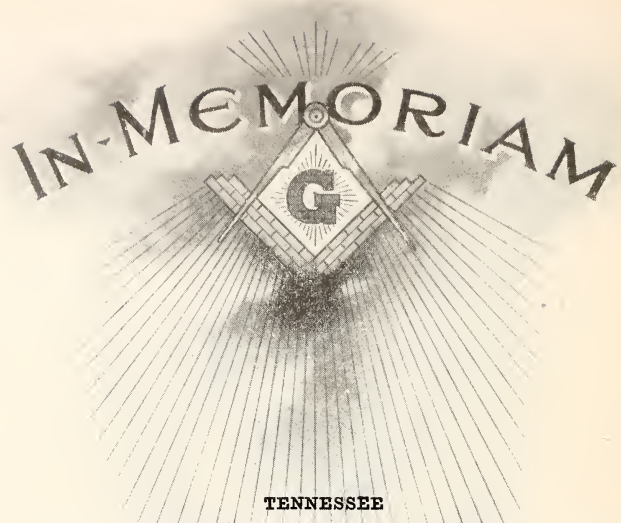
CHARLES A. HARRIS.....October 22, 1915
Past Grand Treasurer

NOVA SCOTIA

THEODORE AUGUSTUS COSSMAN.....April 28, 1916
Past Grand Master

SOUTH CAROLINA

REV. WILLIAM PINCKNEY SMITH.....April 23, 1916
Past Grand Chaplain



TENNESSEE

JOHN T. WILLIAMSON.....December 10, 1915
Past Grand Master

CASWELL ANDERSON GOODLOE.....July 12, 1916
Past Grand Master

TEXAS

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FRYMIER, SR..December 4, 1915
Past Grand Master

VERMONT

MARSH OLIN PERKINS.....February 10, 1916
Past Grand Master

WEST VIRGINIA

GEORGE HATCH April 27, 1916
Past Grand Master

ROBERT WHITE December 12, 1915
Past Grand Master

WASHINGTON

ROBERT CROSBY HILL.....May 10, 1916
Past Grand Master

EDWARD ROSS HARE.....July 16, 1916
Past Grand Master

APPENDIX
PART I

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE

SALUTATORY AND PREFATORY

When designated as writer of the report on masonic correspondence, the saying of Rousseau, that "It does not belong to every man to make the gods his oracles, nor to be believed when he proclaims himself their interpreter," was not unnaturally brought to mind.

The distrust thus awakened was not at all allayed, by the reading, and re-reading of Mackey, and such other masonic authorities as were available, touching the qualifications of a good reviewer. Entertaining, as the writer does, a modest notion concerning his equipment and aptitude, the fear of failure to meet the expectations of the members of the Craft was indeed formidable. To aggravate this feeling of distrust it was remembered that the writer is without the prestige of "That divinity that doth hedge" a past grand master, is unable, justly, to boast of particularly distinguished ancestry, and hails from no particularly important city.

With these, and other weighty considerations giving rise to distrust, the alternative was presented of either assuming the courage and assurance requisite, and undertaking to perform, even at the hazard of failure, or, of confessing the lack of qualifications for the service required, and declining to make the effort to perform. After serious reflection the former course was chosen, and the review contained in the following pages is submitted. The proceedings of all grand lodges which came to hand by September 20, 1916, are therein treated.

It should go without saying that what has been written is primarily for my brethren of the craft of Illinois, and the writer has earnestly and industriously sought to chronicle such matters, from the proceedings reviewed, (with occasional

comments,) as the brethren could read, ought to read, and if possible would want to read.

If, in the judgment of the readers, my brethren, a reasonable measure of success has been attained; if their expectations are not disappointed, the labor will not have been in vain, and the writer will account himself fortunate in having had the opportunity to be serviceable.

It would doubtless be considered extravagant to express the hope that every brother who may scan this report will be able to find what he desires, but the sincere hope is expressed that every brother who reads it for any laudable purpose will find something to his taste.

"With malice toward none; with charity for all;" with kind and sincere greeting to every member of every regular masonic lodge to whom these lines shall come; and particularly invoking the charitable consideration of my brethren of the "Round Table," I have the great honor of subscribing myself.

CHARLES H. MARTIN,
Committee on Correspondence.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE
NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTEEN

CHARLES H. MARTIN

ALABAMA—1915

554 LODGES 95TH ANNUAL 27,916 MEMBERS

The annual communication of the grand lodge of Alabama was held at Montgomery, commencing on the first day of December, 1915, and was opened in ample form by the grand master, Bro. Henry Clanton Miller, all the other grand lodge officers being in their places. To add dignity to the occasion, there were present eight past grand masters, and the representatives of forty-five foreign grand lodges, Bro. William W. Daffin the representative from Illinois, being of this number.

The grand master's address covers twenty-nine pages, and from what he therein reports he must have had a busy year.

He notes the death of many prominent masons within his jurisdiction during the year, but none within the immediate(Official) family of the grand lodge. In noting the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions, he makes suitable mention of the passing of Bro. Edward Cook, past grand master, of Illinois. He notes the issuing of nine dispensations to form new lodges; two to permit lodges to remove place of meeting from one town to another; nine to continue work after the destruction or loss of charter; seven for the purpose of granting lodges authority to sell or mortgage their property; and thirteen to enable lodges to elect and install officers at times other than the dates provided in the by-laws. This evinces what would appear to an outsider some activity in the matter of dispensations.

The grand master takes occasion to congratulate the grand lodge upon the management, and present condition of the home, and from what he says, as well as from the report of the board of control the home appears to be doing a great work. There are at present in the home as members six men, thirty women, thirty boys and fifty-two girls, and the cost of mainte-

nance for the past year to the grand lodge was sixteen thousand, nine hundred ninety-seven dollars and eighty-six cents.

The grand master reports one decision, only, which is as follows—

Every member of the lodge who is present and can hear the evidence submitted at a trial not only has the right but is required to vote, except where there is such near relation by blood or marriage to the accused (or the brother preferring the charges) as would likely bias his verdict.

The Code of Illinois requires all members present to vote, without exception, and it is believed this is according to masonic law, generally. This decision being referred to the committee on jurisprudence, was by them disapproved, whether on account of the rule, or the exception is not stated in the report. However the grand master took the floor in opposition to the report, with the result that the grand lodge reversed the committee and sustained the grand master.

The grand master expressed himself forcibly on the point of the rigid requirements of the Alabama law as to physical qualifications of candidates for the degrees and recommended, that our constitution and edicts be so amended that the question of physical qualifications for initiation or advancement be left to the subordinate petitioned lodge, subject to the approval of the grand master.

Accordingly an amendment to the constitution was passed, and ordered submitted to the lodges for adoption, as follows—

If the petitioner be physically defective by reason of deformity or being maimed, his eligibility shall be determined by the lodge to which he has applied, and if determined favorably to the petitioner he shall be eligible to receive the degrees of masonry when the action of the lodge has been approved by the grand master in writing.

For the purpose of securing uniformity, and avoiding the complications liable to arise, should this amendment be adopted, it will be found far better in the end to have studied paragraph 4 of the ancient charges, and Mackey's 18th, landmark, and then to have written their amendment according to the Illinois Code, *so far as it applies to the making*, to-wit—

Possessing no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of conforming literally to what the several degrees respectively, require of him. No provision of this section shall be set aside, suspended or dispensed with by the grand master or the grand lodge. (*This applies to the making only*).

Both the financial and statistical reports of the grand secretary are quite complete and methodical. He appears to have collected as dues the aggregate sum of $24,772.00, ($12,408.00 of which was for the home fund). And from his statistical report it appears that there are 27,916 members and 1,170 ministers, and it appears that the net gain during the year is 638 members and 19 ministers.

In the concluding moments of the session, and after the installation of the newly elected officers, it appears that—

The grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment and the ladies of the Eastern Star and their friends were escorted into the grand lodge room by most worshipful Henry Clanton Miller, and by him introduced to the grand lodge; in his introductory remarks Bro. Miller spoke very feelingly of the encouragement and inspiration he had received at their hands while grand master, * * * * Sister Elizabeth Salter, past grand matron, and present grand secretary of the order of the Eastern Star, for and in behalf of Elizabeth Armstrong Chapter, No. 10, O. E. S presented M. W. Bro. Walter Smith, (newly installed grand master,) with a beautiful bunch of lovely roses and most eloquently expressed the good wishes of this chapter for a pleasant year and successful administration of the affairs of the grand lodge.

M. W. Bro. Smith expressed his gratitude for and appreciation of the good wishes of the good women, and congratulated them for the great work they are doing.

The ladies then retired, singing, Blest be the Tie That Binds.

Now, whither are we drifting, and what can be made of all this? No wonder we hear that the magnolias in the environs of Montgomery bloomed early and luxuriantly this year: surely it is no exaggeration to characterize scenes like this as ''Like the precious ointment'' ''The dew of Hermon.'' *

On recommendation of the committee on foreign correspondence recognition was extended to the grand lodge of Queensland, and the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands. Concerning the latter, the committee mentions the receipt of a protest, signed by Ramon Medoza, Grand Seretaria Gran Logia Regional de Fillipinas No. 2, against the formation of the grand lodge of free and accepted masons of the Philippine Islands, but correctly concludes, that—

The committee does not find therein anything that would warrant him in modifying his report on recognition. * * * *

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Nathaniel L. Mewhinney, and consists of one hundred and nine pages, very well written, and on the topical plan. He extracts from the proceedings of Illinois, in the treatment of quite a number of his topics. Under his topic ''Burial'' he quotes what Bro. Burnap says (1914) concerning ''Burial Ceremony,'' and the report of the board of grand examiners thereon, and says—

We shall look for the revised ritual with much interest.

On the topic ''Clubs'' he quotes quite fully what Bro. Burnap says concerning organizations within the lodge, with the recommendation and report of the committee on jurisprudence thereon, and adds that, the committee on jurisprudence clarified the matter greatly.

Under his topic ''Dimit'' he quotes Bro. Burnap's ruling on the status of an entered apprentice holding a dimit from another jurisdiction, and follows this with the views of the committee on jurisprudence thereon.

In treating the topic ''Deportment'' he quotes at length what Bro. Burnap says concerning Sabbath desecration.

Under the topic ''Employment Bureau'' he copies the preamble and resolutions offered in the grand lodge of Illinois, by Bro. A. M. Millard, and the remarks thereon by Bro. Millard.

Under the topic, ''essentials of *irregularity*'' (likely meaning *regularity*) he extracts quite freely from Bro. Owen Scott's preface to his report on correspondence for 1914; and under the head ''Historical'' he quotes a page from Bro. Scott's address delivered on the occasion of our seventy-fifth anniversary. Under the topic ''Taxation'' he quotes a page from the report of Bro. Jesse E. Roberts, as to the status of our suit concerning the claim for tuition for children at the home in LaGrange.

Under the topic ''War'' he extracts from grand master Burnap's annual report what is therein stated concerning the European war.

The grand secretary of Alabama desires, for the purpose of completing the files of his office, copies of the proceedings of the grand lodge of Illinois for the years 1841, '42, '43, '49, '50 and '52. Who can accommodate him? He will pay any price you ask.

Walter Smith, Grand Master, Tuscaloosa; George A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary, Montgomery.

ALBERTA

Proceedings not received in time for insertion here—if they come later will be at end of report.

ARIZONA—1916

24 Lodges 34th Annual 2,668 Members

The neat appearing little volume containing the printed proceedings of this grand lodge is adorned by a full page portrait of brother George Alexander Bridge, retiring grand master, on the fly leaf, and further along in the book are like pictures of past grand masters Francis Asbury Shaw and Martin William Kales.

The annual meeting was held at Tucson, commencing March 14, 1916, and the grand lodge was opened in ample form, and presided over by

brother George Alexander Bridge, grand master, the other lodge officers being in their respective places. There were present, also, fourteen past grand masters, and the representatives of thirty-six foreign grand bodies, brother Artemus Louden Grow, standing for Illinois.

Brother John Whicher, grand secretary of the grand lodge of California, was also present, and was welcomed as a distinguished visitor.

The grand master's address, with exhibits, fills twenty-four pages, and gives an account of his official acts and doings during the year.

With commendable expressions of sorrow he announced the death during the year of brethren Francis Asbury Shaw, and Martin W. Kales, both past grand masters, and of many other brethren of local prominence. Among the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions, he mentions brother Edward Cook, past grand master of Illinois.

Under the head of "Foreign Relations" he says—

The past year has brought to me requests from several sister jurisdictions for some subordinate lodge of Arizona to confer one or more degrees as a favor to subordinate lodges under their jurisdiction. These communications are so numerous it has been considered wise to omit them from the printed proceedings. Permit me to advise however that each request has been granted with the utmost dispatch and that the most harmonious relations exist between the grand lodge of Arizona and all sister jurisdictions.

He reported the constituting of three new lodges, the granting of two special dispensations to elect and install lodge officers to fill vacancies, four to ballot or confer degrees "out of time," and the refusal to grant one of the last named kind of dispensation.

He reported the laying of three corner stones, two in person and one by proxy.

The grand master reported six decisions, most of which were approved by the committee on jurisprudence and the grand lodge. In his decision numbered 1, he says—

I have received several communications concerning the question of the physical qualifications of the candidate. To all of these I have replied by reference to Regulation No. 10. * * * * In spite of Regulation No. 10, and its undoubted import many members of the Craft in this state do not sanction the application of physical tests for candidates, who are to practice progressive moral science, which we claim our organization teaches. I suggest that an expression of opinion on this matter be obtained from this grand lodge session.

The said "Regulation No. 10" is printed in the proceedings, and the concluding part is as follows:

Having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, and physically able to conform literally to what the several degrees, respectively require of him.

The committee, in reporting on this part of the grand master's address wisely say—

This subject has been considered a number of times by this grand lodge, and it is hard to conceive of any regulation that would be more liberal, or more clearly stated than is this one. Unless it is the desire of the grand lodge to do away with all qualifications as to eligibility of candidates, there is nothing to be done. There will always be found some brother who does not *sanction* any law, rule or regulation, but would like to be a law unto himself. A worshipful master and an investigating committee that cannot apply the law as laid down in regulation No. 10, to each particular case, and determine the fitness of the candidate, are themselves out of place.

The grand lodge exhibited wisdom in approving the report.

In decision numbered 2, the grand master decided that the funds of the lodge could not be lawfully appropriated to the relief of the wife and children of an expelled master mason, but that relief in such cases must be furnished, if at all, by private donations.

In decision numbered 4, the grand master had a corker. A man who for some years had been residing in the territorial jurisdiction of one of the lodges, had passed himself as a master mason, and a member in good standing of a lodge in Tacoma, Washington, and as such had been received as a visitor. After some years he represented that his communications to the lodge where he said he belonged were all returned to him unclaimed, and hence he was unable to obtain a dimit, and he petitioned the Arizona lodge for affiliation, and desired to be by that lodge "HEALED" in order to render him eligible. The matter was referred to the grand master, who by correspondence with the grand master of Washington ascertained that the lodge in which the gentleman claimed membership was clandestine. Whereupon, the grand master decided, correctly it is presumed, that before the gentleman could become a member of an Arizona lodge he must petition and have the degrees conferred upon him *ab initio*.

In No. 6 the grand master decided that—

It would appear to me to be inappropriate for any emblem, masonic or otherwise to be placed on the corner stone of any public school edifice.

In its dissent from this opinion the committee well said—

The grand lodge should lay the corner stone of a public building only by invitation from the proper authorities. As *they*, and not the grand lodge furnish the stone, the decision as to what, if anything, should be put upon it, (or in the box,) rests with them. * * * *

The report of the grand secretary shows the collection of the sum of $3883.15 as grand lodge dues, and the sum of $1326.00 as "Widows' and Orphans'" fund. The same report shows a net gain in membership during the year of 103.

On report and recommendation of the committee on foreign correspondence the grand lodges of Queensland and the Philippine Islands were extended fraternal recognition.

At the last annual a committee was appointed to revise the ritual, and at this session reported, and its recommendations were adopted. In this report it is said—

The only substantial additions we have made to the record of the work as adopted by this lodge (grand) in its annual communication in 1908 consists of the examination for the candidates in the lecture in each of the three degrees, neither of which was contained in that record.

Following the adoption of this report, it was—

Resolved, That there be an original and two copies of the ritual, all of which shall be under the discretion and disposal of the grand master, the original to be numbered 1, to be held by the grand lecturer, the copies to be numbered 2 and 3 to remain in the archives of the grand lodge.

As to the manner of acquiring, and communicating and preserving the ritual brother Eggleston, reviewer for the grand lodge of Virginia, correctly reflects the views of most of us.

The election resulted in the choice of brother Frederick Wellington Perkins as grand master, and the re-election of brother George J. Roskruge as grand secretary.

Following the installation the retiring grand master was presented with a past grand master's jewel, the presentation being made in a very impressive manner, and the reply of brother Bridge shows him to have been greatly affected.

Following the closing of the grand lodge Tucson Lodge No. 4 put up a banquet for the officers and members of the grand lodge, which was followed by some first class oratory, the addresses of past grand masters Fredericks and Bridge, being printed in full in the proceedings. They furnish good reading, and are worthy of being thus preserved.

There is no review of the proceedings of foreign grand lodges in the published proceedings.

The next annual meeting will be held at Nogales February 13, 1917.

Brother Frederick Wellington Perkins, Grand Master, Flagstaff. Brother George J. Roskruge, Grand Secretary, Tucson.

ARKANSAS—1915

563 Lodges 74th Annual 22,808 Members

An artistically arranged volume of one hundred seventy pages contains the printed report of the activities of the grand lodge of Arkansas, and the book is beautified by pictures of Bro. L. P. Kemper, grand master, and brethren A. J. Witt, and C. C. Ayers, past grand masters.

The annual meeting was held at Little Rock, November 16, 1915, and was opened and presided over by Bro. Charles E. Rosenbaum, grand master. Adding dignity to the occasion there were present the representatives of thirty-nine foreign grand lodges, Bro. George Thornburg, the representative of Illinois, of this number, also thirteen past grand masters of Arkansas. The printed proceedings contain a record of an "emergent communication," which was held at Wynne, on November 5, 1915, and was opened in due form.

The record states that—

The grand lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and repaired to the northeast corner of the new high school building, where the stone was laid according to the ancient ceremonies of the craft. * * * *

It is to be presumed that our Arkansas brethren see nothing incongruous in calling to refreshment in order to perform labor. The address of the grand master, Bro. Charles E. Rosenbaum, at the annual, fills thirty pages and reviews his official activities during the year. In opening he appropriately says—

It is indeed a great comfort to us that with most of the nations of Europe engaged in gigantic warfare, with countless thousands slain, and more thousands maimed, and still more left fatherless, we in this country—this glorious land of ours—are free from the bloody entanglements of strife, and that we have been able to remain so without the sacrifice of honor and dignity.

He sorrowfully announces the death, during the year of two past grand masters, Bro. Almos J. Witt and Bro. Christopher Columbus Ayers. He notes also the decease of other brethren of local prominence, but none within the ranks of the grand lodge officers. Among the deceased of other grand jurisdictions he mentions the passing of our past most worshipful grand master, Edward Cook. He reported correspondence had with the national masonic relief association, the submission to constituent lodges of the appeal for funds, and the contribution of the sum of four hundred forty dollars and eighty-eight cents, all transmitted by the grand secretary to the association.

He reported, also, the contribution from the funds of the grand lodge of the sum of five hundred dollars for the relief of flood sufferers at New-

bern, having first ascertained by his personal representative the great and urgent need of those rendered homeless and destitute by the flood.

He notes the granting of one dispensation to form a new lodge, and his refusal to grant one such petition.

He reported correspondence had with the George Washington memorial association, his attendance at the meeting held in Alexandria, and recommended that the grand lodge take stock in this enterprise. This part of his address was referred to the committee on masonic law and usage, and upon its recommendation the sum of one hundred dollars from the grand lodge funds was appropriated for this purpose. Under the head of "decisions," the grand master says—

I have not rendered an opinion that I deem worthy to designate a decision. Many, very many, letters of inquiry have been received asking me what should be done by lodges. In each instance I found that reference to our edicts made the course perfectly plain, and it is indeed to be regretted that in so many of our lodges, the officers or members, are so little versed in the most simple of our laws.

Something like this might be observed in places other than Arkansas.

Of the masonic orphans' home and school the grand master says—

* * * * The board will present its report to you, and I will not dwell on the subject more than to say that in every way and from every viewpoint this magnificent endeavor on your part is indeed an honor to and well worth the unqualified support of the craft in this grand jurisdiction.

It appears from this report that there are now in the home and school forty-nine boys and fifty girls and that the cost of maintenance last year was eighteen thousand seven hundred eighteen dollars and forty-six cents. Of this sum the grand lodge contributed the per capita tax by it collected in the sum of fourteen thousand eight hundred fifteen dollars, the grand chapter O.E.S. its per capita in the sum of sixteen hundred forty-two dollars and seventy-five cents and the balance was derived from divers sources.

With a view of increasing the resources for the support of the home it would appear that at a former session of the grand lodge a committee had been appointed to confer with other bodies, and at this session reported as follows—

Your committee appointed to confer with the grand chapter, grand commandery, the Scottish rite consistory and the mystic shrine, with the object of inducing these bodies to levy a per capita tax for the masonic orphans' home and school, respectfully report: That we submitted the matter to the grand royal arch chapter at its last session in 1913, and the proposition was laid over for consideration until the session of 1914, at which the grand chapter refused to make any levy. Other bodies have failed to make any levy.

This is in striking contrast with the munificence of the grand royal arch chapter of Illinois, in contributing, voluntarily, to our home.

In Arkansas, as elsewhere the "circumlocution office" is in action, and the grand master notes a number of degrees conferred in Arkansas lodges for lodges in other grand lodge jurisdictions, and in others grand jurisdictions at the instance of Arkansas lodges, all arranged for through his office and the offices of other grand masters concerned. Among others he reports—

Through the grand master of Illinois most worshipful Henry T. Burnap, St. Paul lodge No. 500, Springfield, Ill., conferred the fellow craft degree on M. C. Nelson for Magnolia lodge No. 60.

The grand master recommended legislation, in some measure relaxing their rule as to physical qualifications, and for the purpose of providing a salary for the grand lecturer. The committee on masonic law and usage concurred in the latter recommendation and reported favoring a salary for the grand lecturer in the sum of twelve hundred dollars per year, but the grand lodge refused to concur and rejected the recommendation of the report.

As to the matter of physical qualifications the committee was given further time for consideration.

The grand master also recommended legislation providing that before officers of lodges are installed they should be required to produce certificates of proficiency and that they are qualified to perform the duties of the offices to which they have been elected, respectively, and to provide for the creation of a grand lodge officer to be known as judge advocate. Both of these were disapproved by the committee and the grand lodge.

In closing his address the grand master felicitously says—

As we go along life's pathway, there are here and there those incidents or efforts of endeavor which leave an imprint on our hearts and minds which we may well liken to the halting at some milestone we reach on a traveled road, and where because of the mingling of congenial comrades, we linger long before we reluctantly depart on our way. It is with this thought I liken my term as grand master of this grand lodge.

The following resolution was presented, and referred to the committee on masonic law and usage, to-wit—

Resolved by the grand lodge of free and accepted masons of Arkansas that hereafter all newly made master masons shall within a reasonable time, pass a satisfactory examination in open lodge.

Be it further resolved, That a certain sentence of the work shall conclude as follows: And after you have passed a satisfactory examination in open lodge, you will be entitled to all the rights, benefits and privileges of the degree.

The committee reported adversely on these resolutions, and they were voted down by the grand lodge.

An amendment to the constitution, which appears to have been introduced at a previous session, and which provided for the increase of the per

capita tax for the support of the orphans' home and school from fifty to seventy-five cents annually, was put upon its passage, and was defeated.

An evening session was held the first day, when an interesting and instructive address was delivered by the grand orator, Bro. Louis Bauerlein. The record shows that—

The grand lodge being at refreshment, the members of the grand chapter of the order of the Eastern Star of Arkansas were seated in the grand lodge hall. As a preliminary to commencing the exercises of the evening during an interval, past grand master A. G. Washburne was introduced and made one of his characteristic addresses, which convulsed the audience with laughter at his witticisms, as well as held them spell-bound by his earnestness. * * * *

Following this was the address of the grand orator, his theme being: "Influences of masonry, and masonic life." It would be a pleasure to the writer, and profitable to the reader, of these pages, if space permitted the reproduction of this oration. But a single paragraph must suffice—

We may admire the grand master, who rules in the East, the grand orator, who can deliver an eloquent address, the grand lecturer, who can repeat word for word the beautiful ritual, or the wealthy mason who can give his thousands to the widows and orphans; but the greatest mason is the man who daily lives his masonry, and who in his every word, act and deed practices the beautiful tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth, and who unconsciously influences others to live better, purer and holier lives.

After the oration had been concluded, Mrs. Minnie Maxwell, grand matron of the order of the Eastern Star, was introduced and made a most pleasing address on the relation of the order to the work of the masonic fraternity. The superintendent of the home then introduced three girl pupils from the home all of whom made a most favorable impression, as being worthy products of the care and efficiency of the management of the home.

The record further shows—

The members of the Eastern Star then withdrew, and the grand lodge session was formally resumed, and the grand lodge was duly called to labor.

The annual election was held the second day and resulted in the election of Bro. L. P. Kemper as grand master, and the re-election of Bro. Fay Hempstead as grand secretary.

Just before closing the session the grand master appointed a committee to arrange for the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the grand lodge, at the next session.

The grand secretary presented the regrets of Brother George T. Black, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, communicated by long distance phone from Eureka Springs, where he was detained by illness, and unable to attend the session. There is no report on correspondence.

The work of the third degree was rehearsed by the grand lecturer. Just before closing, a bouquet of flowers, the grandest of chrysanthemums, was sent to the newly installed grand master by Siloam Springs chapter, O. E. S. When it is announced that Bro. Fay Hempstead, grand secretary and poet laureate, made the presentation speech on behalf of the chapter, the whole world will take notice that the affair was felicitously arranged, and consummated, and no more need be said. The next annual will be held at Little Rock, November 21, 1916.

L. P. Kemper, Grand Master, Siloam Springs; Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary, Little Rock.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1916

80 Lodges 45th Annual 7,797 Members

A very attractive picture of Bro. E. E. Chipman, past grand master, clad in imposing regalia of the English pattern, gauntlets and all, adorns the book of proceedings, next comes a full page picture of Rev. Bro. C. Ensor Sharp, clad exactly like Bro. Chipman, except that he wears a clerical coat but no whiskers, and finally appears the picture of Bro. Wm. C. Ditmar, past grand master, clad in plain clothes. The book is well printed and well arranged.

The annual meeting was held at Vancouver commencing June 22, 1916, and the grand lodge was opened in ample form and presided over by Bro. William C. Ditmar, assisted by a full corps of grand lodge officers. There were present, also, eleven past grand masters, and the representatives of twenty-five foreign grand bodies, Illinois being unrepresented.

In the grand master's annual address he speaks first of the war as a handicap to the progress of masonry, and says—

I find, however, a splendid spirit displayed by those who are left behind, and a determination to make the best of the present conditions. In many of the lodges honour rolls have been provided, upon which are inscribed the names of those who have heard the call and are now serving their king and country in active military duty. Some of these brave and noble men, I regret to say, made the supreme sacrifice and are now resting from their labors on the fields of Flanders and elsewhere. Brethren, let us breathe a silent prayer to the great Ruler of All Things that he may extend comfort and consolation to those mothers, wives and orphans who are thus bereft of their dear ones; and that in His infinite wisdom He may hasten the success which is bound to crown the efforts of those who are fighting in the interest of justice, freedom and honour, and all those high principles and ideals for which freemasonry has always stood.

In language expressive of sorrow he reported the death during the year of two past grand masters, brethren R. B. McMicking and William Dalby. Among the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions, mention is made of the passing of brethren William H. Scott and Edward Cook, past grand masters of Illinois.

He reported that he had during the year made forty-nine visits to the lodges under his obedience, that one dispensation to form a new lodge had been issued, and that one new hall had been dedicated.

Seventeen special dispensations are reported, eleven of which were to permit lodges to attend divine service, wearing masonic regalia, and six to enable them to install officers differently to the rule given in their code.

The report of the grand treasurer shows the collection of $9614.70 on account of the general fund, and $7499.62 on account of the charity fund.

The table of returns from lodges shows a net increase in membership during the year of 100.

The grand secretary has inserted in the proceedings a ''Roll of Honour'' which includes the names of the members of their lodges who have enlisted for active service in the English army. Eleven pages are filled with the names in this list.

This grand lodge maintains an officer styled the grand historian, and his report at this session fills seven pages of the proceedings.

On report and recommendation of the committee on foreign correspondence, fraternal recognition was extended to the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands.

On the afternoon of the first day of the session an address was delivered by Bro. J. Hinchcliffe, very worshipful grand chaplain, his theme being *''Obligations,''* which is printed in full in the proceedings, and is worthy of the place.

The grand master reported five ''rulings,'' four of which were approved by the committee and the grand lodge. In No. 1 it was held that a person who had lost the index finger of the right hand was ineligible for the degrees.

In No. 4 it was decided that a person who had lost all the fingers, and part of the left hand was ineligible.

In No. 5 the grand master ruled that—

Entered apprentices and fellow crafts have a right to sever connection with the lodge, and certificates can be issued stating they are withdrawing with consent of lodge, provided all charges are paid, and no masonic charges are pending against them.

In dissenting from this holding the committee in effect said that their code contains no provision justifying this holding, but that it ought to be so amended as to permit the withdrawal of entered apprentices and fellow crafts, by dimit or certificate.

At the annual election Bro. William Astley was chosen grand master, and Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith was re-elected grand secretary.

There is in the book of proceedings a review of the proceedings of other grand lodges, from the pen of Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith, which consists of one hundred eighty pages. Bro. Smith is a virile and vigorous writer and is discriminating in his notes. The proceedings of Illinois for 1915 are accorded generous and fraternal treatment. He quotes in part what is said by Bro. Burnap in the grand master's report, concerning concerted action for the promotion of universal peace, and says—

And if the grand jurisdictions are well advised they will attend strictly to their own affairs.

The question, whether or not the promotion of universal peace *is the "affair" of masonry* will admit of no two opinions, we make bold to suggest to our brother, and the only point of difference possible, would be as to ways and means of producing tangible results.

Our brother further quotes from the report, what is therein stated concerning the man who desired to be relieved of the undesirable attentions of the lady, supposed to be a member of the O.E.S.; the gentleman who invoked the aid of the grand master in the collection of a debt; the lady who demanded the summary expulsion of her husband, and the man who desired to be a mason at sight.

Bro. Smith apparently thinks that Bro. Jason Lewis' resolution was *loaded,* and fraught with dangers that some of us did not, at the time it was before the grand lodge, appreciate. He says—

For a long time the high-riters have been endeavoring to get some kind of recognition from the grand lodge of Illinois, but although various schemes with this end in view have been tried, none have so far been successful. Last year another attempt was made to arrive at the desired goal by an indirect route, the following resolution having been proposed—

Whereupon he re-produces the said resolution of Bro. Lewis, as the same appears upon page 194, Illinois proceedings for 1914, and the report of the committee on jurisprudence thereon, as found on page 95, proceedings of 1915.

He pays his respects to Bro. Owen Scott's review, quoting what is therein said concerning landmarks, and comments thereon.

The next annual will be held at New Westminster June 21, 1917.

William Astley, Grand Master, 850 Hastings St., W. Vancouver; W. A. DeWolf-Smith, Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 910, New Westminster.

CALIFORNIA—1915

373 Lodges 66th Annual 55,341 Members

The bulky, but neat appearing volume containing the printed proceedings of this grand lodge is ornamented by the likeness of Bro. Benjamin F. Bledsoe, the retiring grand master.

The annual communication was held at San Francisco, commencing on October 12, 1915, on the same date as that of Illinois. The grand masters' address covers fifty-four pages, and gives a detailed account of the transactions of the year. In the opening part the grand master says—

On the very day that you installed me as your grand master, the President of the United States issued to me his commission of appointment as Judge of the United States District Court.

He reports the constituting of thirteen lodges, twelve in California and one in Hawaii; the laying of six corner stones; and the dedication of two temples. Twenty-three decisions are reported, mostly construing their law and none of them of great importance, generally. Four of them gave his construction of some phase of their "Barleycorn" law. The following are interesting—

1. A protest from a past master of a lodge was received by the grand master, in which it was shown that a member of the blue lodge who was also a member of the commandery died and was buried with masonic honors. The members of the commandery acted as escort. In opening the lodge and conducting the services a past master of the blue lodge, who was also a member of the commandery, officiated in the East in the uniform of a Knight Templar.

To this protest the grand master replied—

Strictly speaking, it is probably true that a past master of a blue lodge would find no authority for acting as master in opening a blue lodge * * * * while clothed in the uniform of a knight templar. There does not seem to be any probability of a repetition of this very serious (?) masonic offense, and so I see no occasion for any ruling. * * * *

19. The records of a masonic trial together with the evidence contained therein belong to the secret archives of the fraternity, and it is a masonic offense to divulge or publish them in a manner not authorized by law. Their use in the trial of a divorce case in a State court, or their introduction in evidence therein, except upon the order of the court, is reprehensible, and should subject the mason responsible therefor to masonic discipline.

20. Being advised that one of the lodges was not in possession of the middle chamber columns, and the floor carpet, but made use of a wall carpet in the conferring of the fellow craft degree, I felt constrained to require them to purchase these articles, as necessary to a proper and correct conferring of the work of the fellow craft degree.

7. An attorney at law, if he be not a master mason in good standing may not represent an accused before a trial commission.

All of the decisions reported were approved by the committee on jurisprudence, but in several instances the committee took exception to the grand master's comments, and while concurring in the soundness of the grand master's conclusion, say that it is grounded on the wrong reason. Suitable mention is made by the grand master of the passing of our past most worshipful grand master, Edward Cook. The masonic homes maintained by California, have become a great matter, occupy a great place in the business of the grand lodge, and a great part of the grand master's address relates to this subject. He says—

To your grand master the one great refreshing inexhaustible source of pride and satisfaction in connection with the work of masonry in California, is the two homes maintained by us at Decoto and San Gabriel. Reports of the board of trustees giving detailed information of their condition, accomplishments and necessities will doubtless be presented to you. On every occasion when I have visited our homes I have found residents therein comfortably situated and provided for, and living monuments of the purposes and usefulness of our fraternity. Particularly have I been impressed with the children at San Gabriel.

It appears that at Decoto there are at present maintained as members, eighty men and fifty-five women, and at San Gabriel thirty-eight boys and one adult, and twenty-four girls and one adult. The support of these two homes at present requires a per capita tax of one dollar, annually upon each master mason.

The grand master appointed a committee on masonic education, and says—

I have been impressed with the feeling that much good would result to the fraternity if more effective means were taken to instill in the minds of the members, old as well as new, more of its history and philosophy. A great work has been initiated in Iowa in this respect, and I was hopeful that we might derive some advantage here in California from following in her footsteps. To that end I have appointed a committee to be known as the committee on masonic education. * * * *

They will render a report at this annual communication, and for it I would ask your very careful consideration.

The report of this committee was later submitted, and contained the following recommendations, in substance—

1. That the grand master appoint a permanent committee on education, whose duty shall be to foster and encourage throughout the jurisdiction the study and research of masonic tradition, history, literature, law, philosophy and dominant purposes of the institution.

2. That a series of lectures, to be read in the lodges at stated intervals, be prepared under the direction of such committee, and sold to the lodges desiring them.

3. That a series of three lectures be prepared under the direction of the committee along exoteric lines appropriate, respectively to the E. A., F.

C. and M. M. degrees, to be sold to lodges, and placed in the candidate's hands after he has received each degree.

4. That the formation of study clubs be promoted, and that a systematic and carefully conceived plan be provided by the committee, for use by the lodges.

Recommendations 1 and 4 were concurred in by the grand lodge, but 2 and 3 were referred to the committee on finance, where they were apparently put to sleep.

The report of this committee on returns shows a net gain in membership of 2,162.

On recommendation of the committee on correspondence formal recognition was extended to the grand lodge of Queensland. It is interesting to note that in this report, for the purpose of supporting the conclusions reached, the committee quotes extensively from the late Bro. Joseph Robbins, and on the points under consideration at that time, it may be observed that there is no higher authority.

The matter of the recognition of the national grand lodge of France, (new), is mentioned in the grand master's address, and was referred to the committee on jurisprudence. On recommendation of this committee the matter was postponed.

On Thursday afternoon a highly entertaining and instructive oration was delivered by Bro. Matt S. Hughes, grand orator, his theme being *"A Triad of Masonic Ideals."* In his discourse he treats of the ideals furnished by the institution of masonry on the subjects of *"Quality," "Knowledge"* and *"Religion,"* and the manner of his treatment shows careful preparation and methodical thought. Extracts from the address might well be here inserted,—but want of space forbids.

Those who keep in touch with current events will remember that some months since two past grand masters, the junior grand warden, and one past master, all of California, signed some sort of a statement, or certificate to the effect that the obligations and secret work of the Knights of Columbus are all right, and that its tenets and teaching are laudible, patriotic, etc. It would appear that the junior grand warden signed the certificate in his official capacity, the two brethren as past grand masters, and the other one as a past master. The statement or certificate thus signed was incorporated into a resolution, or memorial, and by the Hon. William Kettner, (who appears to be grand marshal,) was introduced into the Congress of the United States, and was thus given a permanent character in the congressional record. Thereupon the newspapers generally, and even the masonic press in some instances, took the matter up, and gave it wide publicity.

The statement found its way into some of the masonic periodicals of Illinois, to the great gratification and edification, no doubt, of their readers among the Knights of Columbus.

During this session of the grand lodge two resolutions were introduced by past grand master, Orin S. Henderson, and one by W. Bro. Fred Doerr, concerning the connection motives and conduct of the brethren who signed this certificate, and Bro. William Kettner, who by getting it into the congressional record started the publicity feature of the affair. A committee was appointed by the grand master to investigate the matters in the resolutions charged, which by the way are not printed in the proceedings, and their import can be gathered only from the report of this committee. After the hearing of the testimony at hand, the committee reported its findings in substance as follows—

1. No ulterior motive actuated any of the participants in the matter.

2. No money was paid to any of the brethren for signing the statement.

3. Political preferment did not suggest, or enter into, the action taken.

4. Bro. William Kettner, introduced said document in Congress under a misapprehension as to its having been authorized by the masons of California, and the wide circulation of the document after its insertion in the Congressional Record was under the frank of members of Congress other than Bro. Kettner.

The report of the committee, after discussing at length its findings, and the evidence before them, submitted the following recommendations, to-wit—

Whereas: The grand lodge F. & A. M. of California has heard, through the report of its committee appointed for that purpose, and by personal word and explanation on the floor of the grand lodge, the entire connection of most worshipful Motley Hewes Flint, Dana Reid Weller, right worshipful William Rhodes Hervey, worshipful Samuel E. Burke, and worshipful William Kettner, with the writing, signing with masonic titles, publication, promulgation and circulation of a report, or opinion of the purported ritual, or secret work of a non-masonic organization; and

Whereas, such report and personal explanation justifies the conclusions reached by said committee that such action, while unfortunate, and ill-advised, was not actuated by ulterior motives or intent, pecuniary reward, or hope of political preferment; and

Whereas, The action of said self-appointed committee was without authority of, or sanction by this grand body or any other masonic body, therefore, be it Resolved: That the grand lodge F. A. & A. M. of California does hereby most emphatically disavow and repudiate any connection with, authority for, or relation to the aforesaid action by the brethren named, and particularly does this grand body regard the use of masonic names and titles by these brethren in this connection, as a serious mistake.

Resolved further: That it is the sense of the grand lodge F. & A. M. of California, that no mason should, while describing himself as a mason, or directing attention to his masonic affiliations, or while using any title of a past or present officer of any masonic body, indorse, or appear to indorse,

any organization, sect or body of men not recognized by this grand lodge; or indorse or approve, or criticise, or condemn, or in any way bear witness for or against the ritual or practices, or purposes of any such organization, sect or body of men.

The recommendation was concurred in by the grand lodge, and if this proves to be the end of the matter, the brethren who were so tenacious of the health of the Order of Knights of Columbus may consider themselves leniently dealt with. As individuals, we all have a right to our opinions, and to order our conduct each according to his own judgment, and may praise or censure what we will, and the broad, tolerant spirit of freemasonry in no degree interferes with these rights, but in the capacity of masons it is certainly unbecoming, and from the purposes of masonry, to engage in the renovation of the linen of any of the profane, or body thereof, or to join in any propaganda for the purpose of either injuring or increasing the influence of any outside order.

The report on foreign correspondence is by past grand master Edward H. Hart, being the seventh consecutive report by him written.

His report is prepared with discrimination, and fills one hundred sixty pages, three of which are devoted to Illinois, for 1914.

He makes mention of the celebration of our seventy-fifth anniversary, notes the address of welcome delivered by Bro. Goddard, and the addresses of most worshipful brethren, Scott, Bell, and Wright, on the "Past, Present and Future," respectively. He terms Bro. Burnap's report a splendid address and quotes liberally from the opening part thereof. He notes what Bro. Burnap therein says concerning the "Oregon Overture" and quotes the language used by him in that connection. He makes reference to the report of the trustees of our homes and makes use of the figures the report furnishes. He takes note also of what Bro. Burnap says concerning "Cipher Rituals." He says—

The report of foreign correspondence is again from the able past grand master, Owen Scott, and proceeds to quote that part of the report containing Bro. Scott's views concerning the essentials of regularity.

Albert G. Burnett, State Capitol, Sacramento, Grand Master; John Whicher, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

CANADA—1915

445 Lodges 60th Annual 58,983 Members

The large and well printed book of proceedings of the grand lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, is embellished by the half tone portrait of the newly elected grand master, Sidney Albert Luke, clad in elaborate regalia, according to the English notion.

The annual communication was held at Hamilton, commencing July 21st, 1915, with most worshipful Bro. David McPherson, grand master, "On the Throne," and assisted by a full corps of grand lodge officers. There were present, also, the representatives of thirty-one foreign grand lodges, right worshipful Bro. Abraham Shaw, the envoy from Illinois, being of this number.

The grand master's address covers forty-seven pages, and recounts his official acts and doings for the year, concluding with the Lord's Prayer. In it he notes the death during the year of very worshipful Bro. James Bicknell, senior grand deacon, and Bro. Aubrey White, past grand master, and other brethren of local distinction. He notes the issuing of four dispensations for new lodges, and warrants for twelve lodges. He notes thirty-five decisions, or as he calls them rulings, none of them of very great importance, and most of them construing their law. One of them is worthy of notice for the fine, broad, magnanimous and fraternal spirit it evinces. A lodge in Quebec has been chartered by this grand lodge before organization of the grand lodge of Quebec, and its officers telegraphed the grand lodge as follows—

We hold your charter No. 130 dated 26th, September, 1860, signed T. Douglass Harington, grand master, which charter is threatened with confiscation by the grand lodge of Quebec as we think unjustly; will you protect our lodge of fifty or more members, all in good standing, if we withdraw our affiliation from the grand lodge of Quebec and fall back on the original charter? * * * *

A. I instructed the grand secretary, after careful consideration and conference with such of the past grand masters as were available, to reply that I had no doubt the intention when the grand lodge of Quebec was formed was that it should have exclusive jurisdiction within its own territorial area, that is the Province of Quebec, and that all charters therefore issued by any grand lodge should be superseded by warrants from the grand lodge of Quebec, and consequently the charter referred to as outstanding was in that position merely by oversight. I also instructed the grand secretary to request that the charter in question be returned to him for can-

cellation, and to inform him that our grand lodge would recognize the exclusive authority of the grand lodge of Quebec in its own territorial area.

The generous and fraternal spirit exhibited in this ruling affords a beautiful object lesson and pattern for the grand lodges of England and Scotland, and if they should take the hint, and give their lodges in the Philippine Islands, Queensland, and wherever they are maintaining lodges in territory occupied by regular grand lodges, similar instructions, their conduct in so doing would be applauded by the masonic world.

The following ruling is noted—

What position does a past grand lodge officer occupy in a blue lodge * * * * and has he the right to order the worshipful master to stop the work, or whatever it may be?

A. I replied that when the term of office of the grand lodge officer has expired, he is generally speaking, in the same position as any other past master of his lodge, and had no more authority than an ordinary member of the lodge.

One wonders why it should become necessary to rule on such a self-evident proposition.

The grand master makes use of seventeen pages in his address in giving an account of the history, causes and effects of the European war, from a Canadian view-point, and while it might be considered a violation of the rule of neutrality enjoined upon Americans by the President to reproduce, or comment on what the grand master says under this head, it may without offense be set down what they in Canada think of it. The committee on grand master's address reported, and the grand lodge adopted the following—

The tense and earnest attention with which the brethren listened in especial to those parts of the grand master's address dealing with the cruel, causeless, and most barbarous war in Europe, and of the heroism of our Canadian soldiers in hastening to the defense of liberty and justice proved that he voiced the sentiments and most eloquently expressed their feelings. A man whose grandfather fought at Waterloo, and whose own sons are now at the front, could not fail in patriotic fervor. * * * *

The grand master makes mention of having suggested the raising by voluntary contributions of a Belgian relief fund, and the generous response of the Canadian brethren, and says—

I have had the honor of transmitting in four lots of $12,500.00, $18,500.00, $9,000.00 and $5,000.00 (in all $45,000.00) to His Most Gracious Majesty, King Albert of the Belgians for use among his distressed subjects, irrespective of class or creed. * * * *

In the review of this grand lodge for 1914, Bro. Scott gives as a record breaker, the number of special dispensations issued during that year, as three hundred sixty-two. For some reason, not apparent from the record, only three hundred forty-nine were issued for 1915. Of this number one hundred and thirty were for the alleged purpose of attending divine service, and the others were for purposes of about the same consequence, masonically speaking, from the view-point of an ordinary Illinois mason.

The report on correspondence is from the discriminating pen of Bro. A. T. Freed, past grand master and consists of one hundred thirty-four pages.

He devotes above two pages to a review of Illinois, for 1914, quoting from Bro. Burnap's report, from what is therein said concerning cremation. He says—

In the evening of the first day of the communication the seventy-fifth anniversary of the formation of grand lodge was celebrated. It was a grand celebration, and we regret that the space at our command does not permit us to quote liberally from the magnificent speeches delivered.

Of Bro. Owen Scott, he says:

Most worshipful Bro. Owen Scott continues the report on masonic correspondence, and does most excellent work.* * *Bro. Scott appears to be disturbed because the grand master in this jurisdiction is said to have been ON THE THRONE, when grand lodge was opened. Well, Canadian masons are somewhat conservative, and they prefer the term made venerable by the usage of centuries rather than the innovation of "The Oriental Chair." Now, Bro. Scott, and all the rest of us may put that in our pipes and smoke it. Bro. Freed does not say this, but this is evidently his meaning.

Grand Master, SIDNEY A. LUKE, Ottawa; Grand Secretary, R. L. GUNN, Hamilton.

COLORADO—1915.

129 LODGES 55TH ANNUAL 17,422 MEMBERS

The book of proceedings of this grand lodge contains a record of ten special communications, and the annual communication, and is adorned by the portraits of the grand master, Charles H. Dudley, the past grand master, Harper M. Orahood (deceased,) the incoming grand master, Robert M. Simons, and W. Bro. George G. Slater, grand tyler, (deceased). The volume contains also an interesting biography of the present grand master, Bro. Simons, from which it appears that he received the degrees in, and

from 1881 to 1891 was a member of, Garfield lodge No. 686, in Chicago,—a good environment in which to have his masonic character formed.

Two of the special communications were held for the purpose of "Conferring masonic burial upon the remains" of deceased members of the grand lodge; three were for the purpose of "Consecrating, dedication and constituting lodges," and one for the purpose of dedicating a new masonic hall.

On all these occasions the "grand lodge was opened in ample form upon the master mason degree."

The other four special communications were for the purpose of laying cornerstones, three of which were opened "in ample form upon the entered apprentice degree," and one was "opened in due form upon the entered apprentice degree."

The annual communication was held in the masonic temple in Denver September 21 and 22, 1915, all the grand lodge officers being in their respective stations. Upon the call of the roll of representatives of foreign grand lodges fifty-five answered to their names, Bro. William W. Cooper, the ambassador from Illinois, being of this number. All were invited to the East by the grand master, who welcomed them in felicitous language, which welcome was responded to on behalf of the representatives in a like vein by Bro. Howard T. Vaille, the envoy from Arkansas.

The "grand master's address" contains a concisely prepared account in detail of his acts and doings for the year. In it he states that—

The general condition in our grand jurisdiction is good. There has been a most satisfactory increase in the membership, testifying to the interest in masonry by those without, to the labors of the craft in advancing our welfare, and to the force of an ever widening influence.

He notes sorrowfully the passing of Bro. Harper W. Orahood, M.W. past grand master, and Bro. George G. Slater, W. grand tyler, both of whom died during the year. He notes his approval of the by-laws and amendments to the by-laws of lodges, in more than forty cases, and the disapproval of proposed amendment to lodge by-laws in one case, from which it appears that in Colorado a lodge by-law, or amendment thereto, does not become operative till approved by the grand master.

He reports that he granted "permits to move" to four lodges during the year, thirty-four dispensations, most of them "to examine and ballot on E. A.'s or F. C.'s," and a dispensation to form one new lodge, and the arrest of one charter.

He says that during the year he received many inquiries pertaining to law and procedure, most of which were answered by reference to the "Book of Constitutions." Two decisions are reported, viz.: He correctly

decided that a master may install his appointee to fill a vacancy without a special dispensation from the grand master; also, with Solomonic discrimination, he decided the following curious case—

A petition for the degrees was received by a lodge, together with check of applicant for portion of the fee required. The check was attached to, and remained with the petition, which took the usual course, and on ballot taken the application was rejected. Prior to ballot the bank on which the check was drawn suspended payment, and after rejection the petitioner demanded that the lodge return to him the amount named in the check.

The grand master decided—

That notwithstanding the good intent of the lodge to protect the petitioner by attaching check to the petition until after ballot, nevertheless the lodge was chargeable with the business risk involved and must return to him the amount of the check, upon the condition that he assign to the lodge the right to such dividend as might be paid upon his deposit by the bank, to the extent of the face of the check, or, if petitioner refused to give such assignment of dividend, that the lodge await the determination of the actual loss, upon settlement of the affairs of the bank, and then make good the actual loss sustained by him.

The grand master reports forty-five official visits to forty-one different lodges, which is going some, and says—

I have sought in the main to visit those lodges which my predecessors have been unable to visit in recent years.

The address closes with a brief but beautiful peroration, which, if space permitted, might well be quoted in full, but a single paragraph must suffice—

Masonry is an institution of strength, grace and beauty; of large proportions; of wide influences and of great moral and vitalizing power. May we accept it, not alone for what it has been, and the record of its glorious achievements, but as a present personal opportunity, pointing the way to individual improvement; to true and patriotic citizenship; of delightful association with our fellows; to the duty of living well together, and to the happy reflection of a life well spent.

The following interesting question was submitted to the committee on jurisprudence—

What is the masonic status in this grand jurisdiction—a master mason, a member of a regularly constituted lodge in a foreign jurisdiction with which our grand lodge is in fraternal relations, who has received the degrees, and retains his membership in an irregular body of the so-called higher degrees, that the grand lodge of Colorado does not recognize?

The committee reported as their conclusion—

A master mason, a member in good standing in a regularly constituted lodge in a foreign jurisdiction with which our grand lodge is in fraternal relations is entitled to the right of visitation in this grand jurisdiction, notwithstanding he may have received the degrees, and retain his membership in an irregular lodge of so-called higher degrees, that is not mentioned in section 215 of our Book of Constitutions.

From all of which it would appear that the law of this grand jurisdiction attempts to give a "steer" into the realm of "high-riteism," but does not afford adequate means of dealing with all cases where a brother takes a contrary route, a condition liable to perplex any grand lodge that assumes to recognize what master masons know nothing about, and hence, as master masons, cannot know the "irregular" from the regular.

The grand lodge was entertained by the grand orator, Bro. Clarence M. Kellogg, who delivered an oration of more than ordinary merit, which, by order of the grand lodge, is printed in full in the proceedings.

His theme was "Man," and as his text he makes use of one of Mr. Pope's truisms, "The proper study of mankind is man." He shows how man, in the struggle to survive, as he has slowly emerged from the primitive state and progressed gradually into the ever increasing complexities of life incident to twentieth century civilization, has, as the result of his activities and experiences, had his ideals reconstructed and ennobled, as they appear reflected in the arts and sciences, literature, laws, etc., and intimates that in order to the promotion of this evolution and the preservation and practical application of the highest and noblest ideals, may be found the necessity for an institution like freemasonry. He says, most happily, in concluding—

It is needless to tell the members of our craft that the development of our time-honored institution has followed along the lines of this unfolding of intellectual, political and social ideals. What a privilege for any man to be admitted to membership in such a noble band of workers; how wholesome is the thought that men of the noblest minds, the highest ideals and conceptions, may be employed in such noble work as the uplifting of humanity. As the stoics of old denied themselves the satisfaction of indulging in material things, so now, we have presented before us an institution composed of men, who, putting aside the ambition to be elevated among their fellowmen, an inordinate desire to obtain political preferment, and the greed for piling up stores of wealth; that they may so live their lives, realize their responsibilities, control the imaginings of the mind, and hold themselves steadily in that noble purpose of relieving the distressed, lending sympathy, support and encouragement to those in need, and so fulfill and work out their true destiny as peers among men.

The occasion was further enlivened by an address by the grand chaplain, Bro. Z. X. Snyder, whose discourse had some sort of relation to the recent industrial war in Colorado, the precise point to which, at this great distance is not quite clear, but the reverend brother concludes with a timely appeal for civic righteousness.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, being the thirty-first, and the twenty-seventh consecutive report by him written. In one hundred and sixty well written pages he gives a concise and lucid account of the transactions of importance in the masonic world. He accords to Illinois generous treatment, devoting to it four

pages of his report. He justly commends the annual report of grand master Burnap as a very able and complete presentment of his official acts and matters for legislative consideration. He quotes in full from this report, what is said concerning the great European conflict then, (and now) in progress; what is therein said concerning organizations within the lodge; masonic burial and cremation and Sabbath desecration. He also quotes quite fully the report of the committee on jurisprudence concerning the formation of clubs, or organizations within the lodge. He pays to Bro. Owen Scott a merited compliment, in saying—

Past Grand Master Owen Scott furnishes an excellent report on correspondence as usual.

This grand lodge publishes in its proceedings a roster of all its lodges with the names of all the members thereof, and so has one hundred and forty pages of names, thus increasing the size of the book, the reason for which we cannot perceive.

Grand Master, ROBERT M. SIMONS, Denver; Grand Secretary, CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Denver.

CONNECTICUT—1916

110 LODGES 128TH ANNUAL 25,983 MEMBERS

The neat, attractive appearing volume of proceedings of this grand lodge is a fine exemplification of the printer's art, and is embellished by an excellent page portrait of the retiring grand master, Bro. Clarence R. Austin. There is a record of the proceedings at an emergent communication held at Wallingford, September 25, 1915, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new masonic home building, and the annual communication, held at Hartford, February 2, 1916. The annual was opened, and presided over by the grand master, Bro. Austin, all the other grand lodge officers being in their stations. The occasion was dignified by the presence of eleven past grand masters, and the representatives of thirty-eight foreign grand lodges, Bro. George E. Parsons the envoy from Illinois, of this number. In the exordium of his annual address the grand master optimistically says—

While the world at large during the past year has been in a state of unprecedented disturbance, nation after nation entering into the horrors of war, and tremendous calamities, widespread death and destruction have followed the modern methods of warfare, as applied to this dreadful conflict, our own country, and our own craft in its jurisdictions have been undisturbed, and most prosperous, and are expending noble efforts in every direction to aid and assist the afflicted in this worldwide struggle.

The grand master notes the decease, during the year of several brethren of local prominence, but none within the ranks of the grand lodge officers. Among the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions he mentions Bro. Edward Cook, P. grand master of Illinois.

The grand master notes the granting of twenty-seven special dispensations, ten of which were for the purpose of permitting lodges to attend Divine services and the rest of them to enable lodges to elect or install officers at times other than as prescribed by their by-laws, to change the place of meeting, and kindred purposes. He says—

The grand master wishes to recommend to this grand body that some consideration be given to the matter of the regulations pertaining to dispensations in so far as they may apply to dispensations for attending Divine service by the local subordinate lodges. It is my belief that no grand master could conscientiously refuse a dispensation to a lodge to attend Divine service on any occasion. * * * *

The recommendation was concurred in and the regulation amended by the grand lodge so as to read as follows—

Masons shall not appear in public procession, as masons, except for the burial of a brother, or to attend Divine worship on either St. John's Day, or the Sunday nearest thereto, without dispensation from the grand master. But any lodge may, by vote, attend divine service at any time.

This is evidently their idea of what is becoming, and if they fancy they can honor God, dignify the church, or make masonry respectable by wearing their aprons at Divine service, all right. The grand master becomes quite serious over the matter of publicity, and says, in part—

Newspaper accounts of masonic social events, of election of officers, of lodge gossip and various items of activities, usually considered of interest only to members of the craft are becoming common.* * * * Of all the publicity methods in vogue, that of the social character alone has any semblance of excuse or justification, and in view of the tendency for more liberal use of printer's ink the advantage to the craft, even in this one direction, may well be questioned. Printers' ink always savors of the axiom that "It pays to advertise," and when this fraternity enters the field of advertising, a serious demand will be made for a revision of many of those ancient and time-honored customs which thus far in our history have been fundamental to our growth and prosperity.

The committee to whom this part of the address was referred, requested and obtained from the grand lodge permission to defer report until the next annual.

It is significant that the grand master's preachment on publicity follows immediately that upon attending Divine service in lodge trappings, and that he sees in one a dangerous tendency, and a means of cheap advertising, but nothing unbecoming in the other. The use of printer's ink is not the only way to make an institution appear cheap and common; however, there is no fault to be found with the grand master's views as to newspaper publicity. Concerning the home, the grand master says—

September 25, 1915, completed twenty-six years of the history of our masonic home, and it seemed most fitting that we should commemorate the occasion by holding our annual grand master's day on this date. That these twenty-six years have been a period of great prosperity for our home, of greater efficiency in doing that work for which the home was established and in developing a greater and broader spirit of masonic charity, was evidenced by the new addition to the home which was then in course of erection, and which was at that time ready to be masonically accepted as a part of the institution by the laying of its corner stone. * * * * Members of the eastern Star had prepared lunches for all those who desired, and before the ceremonies commenced many picnic parties, investigating committees and groups of interested craftsmen were active about the grounds and among the members of the home. * * * * An emergent grand lodge was convened, the corner stone laid, accompanied by a musical program, and the usual amount of oratory.

Elsewhere the grand master says—

The grand master believes he should take this opportunity to bring before the craft an appreciative notice of the helpful work which the order of the Eastern Star has extended to active masonry throughout the whole jurisdiction. Particular credit is due to this order for the active participation in everything tending to an improvement in the conditions at the home. * * * *

The home is located at Wallingford, is managed by a committee of the grand lodge termed the "Charity Foundation." There is no report published by this body in the proceedings, but from the grand treasurer's report it appears that during the year he paid the foundation $24,641.46. The number of members in the home is not given. It appears from the grand secretary's report that during the year he collected from all sources the sum of $32,709.25, of which the sum of $26,250.00 was from dues from lodges. From the same report it appears that the net gain in membership during the year was 611.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. George A. Kies, committee on correspondence, and was on motion adopted—

Resolved that the grand lodge of Connecticut, A.F. & A.M., hereby extends to the most worshipful grand lodge of Queensland, (Independent) its fraternal recognition, and courteously requests an exchange of grand representatives.

Bro. Thomas McKenzie was elected grand master, and Bro. George A. Kies was re-elected grand secretary.

The record shows the report of a special committee on ritual inquiry. It appears that on motion the report was accepted, and the fourteen recommendations considered separately. Recommendations Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were adopted separately. On motion the remainder of the recommendations were adopted as a whole. By a provision of the report as adopted, it is not to be printed, but is to be recorded in two books, one of which will be kept in the grand lodge archives, and the other in a safe deposit vault,

located in the city of Hartford, by the grand secretary as custodian of the same.

The following resolution was adopted, to-wit—

Resolved; That no subordinate lodge in this state shall be allowed to employ a lecturer from another state to instruct them in the work.

Just why such a resolution should have been considered necessary is not apparent at this great distance.

By a vote of the grand lodge it was ordered that the grand secretary be authorized to employ a competent stenographer, for future annual communications of the grand lodge.

There is a well prepared report on foreign correspondence, consisting of one hundred fifty-three pages, from the pen of Bro. George A. Kies. He devotes five pages to a review of Illinois for 1915. He refers to that part of the grand master's report concerning the gentleman who desired to be relieved of the undesirable attentions of the lady supposed to be a member of the O. E. S.; the one who desired the grand master to compel a member of the fraternity to pay a bill which he claimed was due him; and the one who desired to be made a mason at sight. * * * *

Of Bro. Owen Scott he says—

Again the correspondence report, 200 pages, is by Owen Scott, P. G. M. We regret to note that he was not re-appointed.

It makes one fellow feel uncomfortable, surmising that he may have occasion to regret the same more keenly next year.

He quotes extensively from Bro. Scott's report, noting in particular what is therein said anent the Order of Knights Templar, (review of Oregon,) the past master's degree, (Washington,) and masonic homes vs. invested benevolence.

M.W. Grand Master, Thomas McKenzie, Westerly, Rhode Island; R.W. Grand Secretary, George A. Kies, Hartford, Conn.

CUBA—1914-1915

92 Lodges (Logia) 5,185 Members (Hermanos)

The published proceedings of this grand lodge are all in the Spanish language, and the knowledge of this writer of the Spanish is so limited that but little can be extracted from them. The grand lodge meets so

frequently and holds so many different kinds of meetings, or re-unions, that it is not easy to give their purport in the Anglo-Saxon.

Meetings were held on June 28, September 27, and December 27, all in 1914, and on January 15, and March 28, 1915. The last mentioned meeting they called the "Sesion Anual." Adjourned meetings were held (apparently of this "Sesion Anual") on April 4, April 8th, April 16th, April 22nd, and June 5th. During this session brother Francisco Sanchez Cubelo was re-elected grand master, (Gran Maestro) and brother Carlos G. Charles as grand secretary (Grand Secretario).

A proposition to provide a home for aged and dependent brethren was referred to a committee with instructions to report at a future meeting.

From the "Informe Del Gran Secretario," it appears that the number of members, (hermanos) in 1912 was 3,597; in 1913, 4,112; in 1914; 4,910, and in 1915, 5,183, a showing quite favorable, and which as Bro. Baird of the District of Columbia opines, would indicate that "The prosperity of masonry in Cuba is greater than the commercial and social advances."

Bro. Duncan of Louisiana, reviewing Cuba, says—

It was formerly the custom to publish the material portions of the proceedings of this grand lodge in English. We regret that this has been discontinued.

Bro. Duncan undoubtedly voices the sentiment of all of us in this regard. There is a report on correspondence by Bro. F. D . P. Rodriguez in which the proceedings of Illinois are fraternally reviewed. Among other things he says—

El eminente Ex-Gran Maestro Owen Scott, presenta otro de sus excellentes informes. En el exordio revisa las condiciones essenciales para el reconocimienito de una Gran Logia como regular; he acqui sus conclusiones:

10—Legitimidad de origen en las logia constitu-yentes.

20—Soberania e independencia de la Gran Logia.

30—Creencia en Dios y exposicion de la Biblia en el Ara como el Gran Luminar de la Masoneria.

By which it is presumed, we are to understand that he commends Bro. Scott's report, and quotes with approval what is said in the exordium thereof concerning the "essentials of regularity."

The foregoing is reproduced partly to show how Bro. Scott's views appear in Spanish, and to give expression to the hope we all entertain, that all grand lodges working in the Spanish. may ponder well these fundamentals.

Francisco S. Cubello, Grand Master, Havana; Carlos C. Charles, Grand Secretary, Havana.

DELAWARE—1915

22 Lodges 110th Annual 3,541 Members

The portrait of the retiring grand master, Bro. William F. Valliant, adorns the fly leaf of the printed proceedings of this grand lodge.

The annual meeting was held at Wilmington, commencing October 6, 1915, and the grand lodge was opened in ample form by the grand master, all the other grand lodge officers being in their places. There were present also twelve past grand masters, and the representatives of forty-five foreign grand lodges, Bro. Samuel T. Smith, the envoy from Illinois being of this number. The annual address of Bro. Valliant the grand master fills fifteen pages, and in it he gives an account of the business of the year and delivers his opinion on several subjects. He announces the death of two past grand masters, during the year, Brethren George W. Marshall and Enoch Moore.

Concerning the European war the grand master says—

Nations are but a composite of the individuals that compose them. Where there is brotherly love, war is impossible, and the great European conflict now raging, the end of which no man can foresee, would never have taken place had a due regard for human life and human rights been stronger than ambition and the lust for wealth, power and commercial supremacy. * * * * I conceive that it is masonry's duty * * * * to instill into every mind the fundamental principles of justice, humanity and fair dealing between man and man, and the adoption of the golden rule; to impress upon the world a new view of the sacredness and inviolability of human life, and of the infinitely greater value than property rights; and above all to work for the coming of the day when there shall be erected and establish a great world tribunal for the adjudication and settlement of all international disputes, backed up not only by the public opinion and moral sentiment of the world, but by all its physical and industrial resources.

So far, very good, but he proceeds to say—

This brings to mind the thought for such co-operation and unity of action it has been suggested that there should be organized in the United States a general grand lodge of ancient craft masons, formed of representatives from the various grand lodges of the several grand jurisdictions, looking to a day when there shall be for the whole world one supreme grand lodge. * * * * If the best results are to be accomplished, masons all over the world must sooner or later unite in one great organization, nor can it be doubted that they will welcome the day when the ties of brotherly love shall prevail, all joining and proclaiming from their hearts the doctrine of "Peace on Earth, and Good Will Among Men." * * * *

And thus the good brother gets into the company of Bro. Chas. M. Mikels of Indiana, for a general grand lodge, with both feet, but just how the "Era of Peace on Earth, Good Will Among Men" is to be hastened does not appear.

The brother has said quite truly that "nations are but the composite of the individual that compose them," and by the same token, it should follow that his proposed Utopian general grand lodge should be the composite of the individuals that compose it, and if the lodges should thereafter continue to work and propagate the same masonry we now know, wherein would the benefits to the individual be so greatly enhanced?

Like Bro. Mikels he makes much of the term, and the notion of Universality and it is quite a catchy word, but it is made use of so extensively by, or in defense of, certain bodies working the wrong kind of masonry, that it has become somewhat irksome. Masonry is referred to in our ritual as being universal, by which is meant, perhaps that masonry is adapted to all men, without regard to race or creed provided they have sufficient intelligence, morality and taste to appreciate it, and to endeavor to adapt themselves to its tenets and teaching. Among the lodges and members thereof, working under the obedience of grand lodges bearing the unmistakable earmarks of regularity all over the world there is now practical agreement as to the essentials and fundamentals of freemasonry and each grand lodge, in its own way, and within its own jurisdiction is doing its own work, and fulfilling the mission of the institution, by inculcating within its individual votaries the highest possible notions and ideals of morality. This is at least some universality, and for some of us, quite enough.

The grand master reports having placed before the lodges of his grand jurisdiction the appeal for money in aid of sufferers from the war, at the instance of the masonic war relief association of the U. S. and that lodges responded by contributing the aggregate sum of two hundred sixty-two dollars. He reports having visited the grand lodges of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, each on the occasion of its annual meeting, and that in each case he was felicitously received. Also reports his attendance on the 5th annual meeting of the George Washington memorial association at Alexandria which he says "was very enjoyable, and I believe profitable to the association."

He notes that during the year he commissioned Bro. Daniel C. Fitzgerrel as representative near the grand lodge of Illinois, (meaning no doubt Bro. Daniel G. Fitzgerrel.)

Concerning the masonic home he says—

I visited the home several times during my term of office, and am glad to report that it is well kept and has been properly conducted. Those who reside at the home seem very happy and express themselves as being entirely comfortable.

The managers of the home have been untiring in their efforts to make it comfortable and attractive, at the same time trying every reasonable way to economize, nevertheless remembering that we are caring for masons, our brethren. With about thirty-five hundred masons in this jurisdiction

it may appear to some that our home may be a burden to us. But if it is a burden it does not oppress, as it is practical masonry, therefore a burden of love.

It elsewhere appears that there at present ten members in the home and that the net operating expenses last year were three thousand four hundred ten dollars and ninety cents.

The grand master notes three decisions, or official opinions, all of which passed muster with the committee on jurisprudence.

The first relates to physical qualifications for the degrees, and the grand master decided the candidate in question to be eligible on the strength of a certificate made by two doctors who examined the candidate. This is drawing the point pretty fine, but is doubtless a good way, provided the doctors agree. The second relates to a question of jurisdiction over rejected material, which the grand master decided correctly, as would appear without the aid of expert opinion. The third opinion mentioned is to a mere Illinois master mason a corker, namely—

Q. How many compose a lodge of actual past masters?

A. Three or more.

For the purpose of affording an explanation of the wherefore of this last or third opinion, and for the purpose of showing that the archaism of obliging a master elect to have the so-called past master's degree conferred upon him before being installed as master still survives in Delaware, the grand master is further quoted—

I have been impressed that the past masters' degree as conferred in lodges of this jurisdiction, owing to the fact that it is conferred but once a year in each lodge lacks uniformity, is rarely impressive, and is known in full to but few members. Therefore I recommend that the committee on work be directed to revise the past master's degree with the object of making the ceremony brief, simple and impressive.

The committee on jurisprudence concurred in this recommendation, and it was adopted by the grand lodge, and so the committee on work have the matter.

The grand master notes the granting of three special dispensations to permit lodges to confer degrees in less than a lunar month after taking the former degree, and the refusal to grant a special dispensation to enable a lodge to receive, and ballot on a petition, and if the candidate should be elected to confer the E. A. degree upon him, all on the same day, it should be said, he wisely refused to grant this request.

There is a report on masonic correspondence, subscribed by Bro. Harry Jones Guthrie, past grand master who appears to be chairman of the committee. It consists of fifty-five pages of well prepared matter. In presenting the report the committee on correspondence says—

Your committee on foreign correspondence report the preparation of a

review of many of the proceedings of other grand lodges and recommend that the same be printed in the proceedings of this grand lodge.

Illinois is apparently not in the committee's category of the many, at least it finds no place in the published review.

The next annual communication will be held at Wilmington on October 7, 1916.

Walter W. Bacon, Grand Master, Wilmington; Virginius V. Harrison, Grand Secretary, Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1915

30 Lodges 105th Annual 10,171 Members

The annual communication of the grand lodge F. & A. M. was held at Washington, D. C., December 15, 1915, at 7 o'clock P. M., and was opened in ample form by the grand master, Alexander Grant, all the other grand lodge officers being in their places except the senior grand warden and senior grand deacon.

From the printed proceedings it appears that other meetings of the grand lodge were held, as follows—

The first stated communication on March 13th, 1915, at seven o'clock P. M.; a special communication March 16, 1915, at eight o'clock P. M.; the second stated communication on May 12, 1915, at seven o'clock P. M.; a special communication on November 30, 1915, at two o'clock P. M.; and the St. John's Day communication on December 27, 1915, at seven o'clock P. M.; all opened in ample form by the grand master.

At the meeting of March 13th, 1915, the record states that after opening—

This being the communication prescribed by the constitution for the exemplification of the degrees, the grand master invited Brother William J. Naylor, chairman of the committee on work and lectures, to assume the East. Upon assuming the East Bro. Naylor filled the several stations and places, and thereupon, the esoteric portions of the degrees of entered apprentice, fellow craft and master mason were then exemplified. * * * * The officers of the grand lodge then resumed their several stations.

The grand master expressed his gratification at the interest shown in the work. * * * * Every one of the thirty lodges in the grand jurisdiction appears to have been represented.

At the special communication held March 16, 1915, the only business done was the dedication of the new hall of Myron M. Parker lodge No. 27, the ceremonies being followed by appropriate music and oratory.

At the second stated meeting held May 12th, 1915, the grand master announced the death of Bro. Robert Freke Gould of England, and the grand lodge adopted resolutions of sympathy. * * * *

At this meeting the committee on appeals and grievances made report of the matter before it, which was approved by the grand lodge.

Also, the grand lodge was much exercised over the question of jurisdiction over a master mason suspended for non-payment of dues. After much discussion, the following was adopted—

Resolved, That a brother dropped for non-payment of dues is still subject to trial by his lodge exclusively for any masonic offense committed previously or subsequently to such dropping.

This resolution, without doubt announces a correct principle, as far as it goes, but if they had left out the word "exclusively," and added after the word "lodge" in lieu of exclusively, *or any other lodge within whose jurisdiction he may be residing or sojourning,* their resolution would have been more nearly in accord with general masonic law.

The grand lodge at this meeting took preliminary action on a great proposition, by the adoption, after numerous "Whereases" of the following—

Resolved, That the grand master of this grand lodge be authorized to appoint a committee of five, representing this body, and the grand secretary is directed to respectfully request all fraternal organizations whose membership is dependent upon membership in good standing in a lodge of free and accepted masons to appoint a similar committee to cooperate with the committee of five appointed by the grand master of this grand lodge to foster the educational work of a university to be approved or founded by them, by securing endowment funds for said university, the establishment of scholarships and fellowships, primarily for the education of the children of masons, and to secure the cooperation and contributions of masons and masonic bodies and fraternities dependent upon the masonic fraternity for membership in carrying out the plans and purposes of fostering here, in the nation's capital a university that will represent the "spirit of America and masonry, in its attitude toward the churches, creeds and countries of mankind."

The committee was appointed, and with much interest, we await the result.

At the annual meeting held December 15, 1915, the grand master read his annual address, recounting his official activities for the year, and treating of a number of different subjects.

He reports the death during the year of many prominent brethren within the grand jurisdiction, but none within the immediate family of the grand lodge. Among the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions he notes the passing of Bro. Edward Cook, past most worshipful grand master of Illinois.

Under the topic, ''Decisions,'' the grand master reports—

No question has been presented for my decision except such as could be verbally answered by reference to the constitution, and I have therefore nothing to report under this head. I am glad to be able to make such a report. * * * *

Under the head of ''Dispensations,'' the grand master notes the issuance of a dispensation to Washington centennial lodge No. 14, permitting it to invite Alexandria-Washington lodge No. 22 to visit the lodge and confer the E. A. degree in accordance with the work of Virginia; and one to East Gate lodge No. 34, to meet in the hall of King David lodge on the occasion of receiving the officers of the grand lodge; he also reports the granting of four dispensations, * * * * to waive the statutory period of one year's residence for petitioners for the degrees, and six dispensations were granted to confer degrees in advance of the constitutional time.

The grand master explains—

In each case the dispensation was granted for what appeared to me to be a good and sufficient reason. * * * *

It would appear that very urgent and peremptory reasons should be required to justify the waiving of the rule as to residence in order to eligibility to petition for the degrees.

The grand master notes the organization by the representatives of lodges and of the several chapters of the order of the Eastern Star of an employment bureau for the District of Columbia, and takes occasion to commend this organization to the grand lodge.

He notes correspondence had with the masonic war relief association, and the appropriation of five hundred dollars from the funds of the grand lodge, and the collection from lodges and individuals of the further sum of four hundred ninety and 15/100 dollars for this cause, all of which had been forwarded to the association.

Concerning official visitation, the grand master says—

I have visited all the lodges at various times during the year, some of them a number of times, and in many instances have taken some small part in the work.

Concerning the home, the grand master says—

The representatives of the grand lodge on the board of directors of the masonic and Eastern Star home will make a report as usual at this communication covering the affairs of the home, its development and its needs. The home is a splendid example of the practical side of masonry, and what it can and has accomplished in the way of exemplifying its ideals in a material and utilitarian form, showing that the brotherhood of man is not a mere phrase. I have inspected the home and found it very attractive and well appointed, everything clean, neat and comfortable. It is perhaps larger than is needed at present, but we will undoubtedly grow up to it in a short time.

The annual per capita from each affiliated master mason for the support of the home was increased from twenty-five cents to thirty-seven and one-half cents, and the committee on whose recommendation such action was taken reported that—

The order of the Eastern Star has practically indicated that it is ready and willing to take similar action.

The per capita raised last year from lodges aggregated the sum of two thousand four hundred seventy-five and 75/100 dollars, and that from the order of the Eastern Star the sum one thousand fifty-seven and 25/100 dollars.

The grand master takes occasion to command an organization known as the "association of worshipful masters," and the good work done by it in promoting the masonic activities of the district; likewise the "masonic board of relief" and several masonic clubs.

He also takes occasion to indorse and commend to the grand lodge "the masonic mutual life association," saying—

I cheerfully commend this association, whose interests are mutual in all that that term implies, and in whose membership I am proud to be enrolled.

The committee on grand master's address and the grand lodge approved of the grand master's utterances upon every topic mentioned except his commendation of the life insurance association, but about this,—never a word, either of approval or disapproval. It may be that it was thought that the grand master was on "thin ice," and for that reason should be left alone. As a matter of policy the use of the term "*masonic*" in connection with any business is scarcely a debatable question, and in Illinois, is inhibited by law. This particular enterprise may be all right as the grand master no doubt believes, but the use of the word "*masonic*" in connection with business squints in the direction of "graft."

Some little friction or misunderstanding appears to have arisen between some of the lodges and Episcopal clergymen on account of the fact that the burial services of the lodge and of the church conflict, or are inconsistent with each other, and a committee was appointed to revise the lodge burial service with a view to reconciling, if feasible, the inconsistencies. Both the financial and statistical reports of the grand secretary are methodical and complete in detail. From his table of the returns of lodges it appears that the net gain in membership during the year was two hundred forty-seven.

The grand master reported his attendance at the meeting of the Washington memorial association at Alexandria, Va. He also stated that the grand lodge had already subscribed and paid to this association the sum of three hundred dollars, and recommended the further subscription of seven

hundred dollars, thus raising contribution of the district to one thousand dollars. This recommendation was concurred in by the committee and the grand lodge. At the St. John's Day communication, held December 27, 1915, all the grand lodge officers were in attendance, except the senior grand warden. There were present, also, sixteen past grand masters, and the representatives of forty-three foreign grand lodges, Bro. L. Cabell Williamson, past grand master, the envoy from Illinois, being of this number. At this meeting, business appears to have been resumed where it had been dispensed with at the annual meeting. The election of officers occurred at this meeting, which resulted in the election of Bro. William W. Jermane, as most worshipful grand master, and of Bro. Arvine W. Johnston as right worshipful grand secretary. If Bro. Jermane's address upon installation be taken as the criterion of his qualifications he certainly is well qualified for the office.

He very appropriately says (in part)—

We cannot do it by proxy, as, for instance, through committees and the grand lodge. As a fountain can rise no higher than its source, so masonry in this jurisdiction must measure its working efficiency by the individual loyalty of its adherents. If that is what it ought to be, no outside opposition, I care not what its origin or power can impede our progress; but if it is not, no amount of effort on the part of our masonic bodies, as such, can keep our forces in proper motion. In other words, and this is the point I am trying to make, we must have, not more of organization at the top, but more of consecrated devotion to duty at the bottom, if we are to justify in a larger way, year after year, in the thought of this community, our right to exist as an institution.

The matter of the protest of the grand regional lodge of the Philippines No. 2 against the grand lodge F. and A. M. of the Philippine Islands was before the grand lodge, and upon report and recommendation of the committee on correspondence the protest was deemed insufficient to call for action.

The report of this committee states the true situation so logically and forcibly, and its conclusions thereon are so clear and irresistible, that the report in its entirety might well be here reproduced, but space forbids.

There is an excellent report on foreign correspondence consisting of one hundred forty pages, from the pen of Bro. George W. Baird, past grand master.

He devotes two pages to a review of Illinois for 1915. Noting our increase in membership he says—

It is remarkable that in so large a jurisdiction the net increase in a single year should reach five and one-half per cent.

He notes what Bro. Burnap says in his grand master's report concerning our prosperity and harmony, notes what he says concerning the passing of Gen. J. C. Black, past grand orator, and says—

He was pension commissioner during the administration of President Cleveland, and civil service commissioner during the administration of President Taft. He had a splendid record in the army during the Civil war, and was a central figure at the second army corps banquets, held annually in this city for many years. General Black was a great man, without a vice.

Of the report of the committee on appeals and grievances he says—

The appeal cases are admirably reported, and not a word is printed in them that the enemy might use against us, while there is enough for the information of the sons of light.

He makes commendatory mention of the report on correspondence by Bro. Scott and calls him to task for removing and transplanting quotation marks,—jocularly, it is presumed. He concludes by saying—

The portrait of grand master Burnap embellishes the report and adds to its value, not only for the personality but also for the splendid Rembrandt effect in the picture.

William W. Jermane, Grand Master, Masonic Temple, Washington; Arvine W. Johnston, Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Washington.

ENGLAND

Proceedings not received in time for insertion here—if they come later will be at end of report.

FLORIDA—1916

233 Lodges 87th Annual 12,724 Members

The eighty-seventh annual meeting of the grand lodge of Florida was held in Jacksonville, commencing January 18, 1916, and the grand lodge was opened in ample form, and presided over by the grand master, Bro. Cephas L. Wilson, all the other grand lodge officers being in their places except the junior grand deacon and grand sword bearer, whose places were supplied.

The grand master's address, with accompanying exhibits, fills eighty-three pages, and minutely recounts the official acts of the year.

He announces the death of past grand master, Bro. Enos Wasgate at the great age of ninety-five, and the fraternal courtesy of the grand master

of Massachusetts, in attending to his funeral, he having died in Boston. He mentions also the death of other brethren of local prominence, but none among the ranks of grand lodge officers. Among the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions he mentions Bro. Edward Cook, past grand master of Illinois.

He reports the constituting of three lodges, and the issuing of nine dispensations for new lodges. He reports the laying of one corner stone by the grand lodge, and that he issued dispensations to lodges to enable them to lay corner stones in five instances—which strikes one as somewhat novel. He reports the issuing of seventeen special dispensations permitting lodges to elect or install officers at times other than prescribed by their by-laws; sixteen to enable lodges to ballot and confer degrees short of time, and five miscellaneous dispensations.

Eighteen pages of the address are filled with the grand master's official decisions, or rulings, during the year, all of them being merely his construction of various provisions of their code, the whole block of which was approved by the committee on jurisprudence in a single sentence.

In one case the master of a lodge desired to know what should be done with an appeal for funds to assist in building a memorial at the birthplace of the late President William McKinley. The grand master ruled that it was not proper for persons or lodges in any foreign jurisdiction to apply to the lodges in this jurisdiction for contributions without first getting the permission of the grand master of this jurisdiction.

In another instance a member of a lodge had received an application for ten cents for the McKinley memorial fund, and a chain of letters for him to address and pass on to others, asking a like sum, and he desired a ruling from the grand master as to the proper disposition of this chain letter. The ruling was that he should *ignore* it. These are extracted as a reminder of what is said on the same subject by the grand master of Ohio, as mentioned in the review of Ohio.

In one instance the grand master ruled that a resident of Florida, although a good citizen and a prominent man, but who owned a half interest in a saloon in Alaska was ineligible to petition for the degrees in Florida.

The irrepressible P. H. Callahan, who appears to have queered our masonic brethren in California, Kentucky and elsewhere, appears to have undertaken to pester the craft in Florida. The grand master says—

March 11th, at my direction the grand secretary issued a circular to the lodges instructing them that the supplement of the DeFuniak Herald containing a letter from P. H. Callahan to S. J. Catts of De Funiak Springs, regarding certain religious and political matters, and the reply thereto, should not be read in the lodges. The reason for this circular letter was that on the margin of this supplement, which seems to have been sent to practically all the lodges was written in pencil, *Please read in open*

lodge. * * * * I assume however that a large majority of the officers of the particular lodges knew that it would be improper for this to be read in the lodge room. * * * *

In lieu of comment, reference is made to the review of Kentucky and California.

The grand master reported the completion and erection of a monument, at the grave of past grand master Long, deceased, under the supervision of his special proxy, and pursuant to a resolution adopted at a former session of the grand lodge. The monument was of Rutland, Vermont marble, and its cost was contributed to by the grand lodge, the grand chapter, Ocalla chapter royal arch masons, and several individual friends and admirers of the deceased. Concerning schools of instruction, the grand master says—

The schools are becoming more popular every year, and the brethren are beginning to take advantage of the opportunities offered to learn the Florida work. Too much cannot be said in praise of the grand lodge committee on work, who have been faithful in giving of their time, and sometimes perhaps to the detriment of their own private affairs, in order that they may spread throughout the state the true Florida work, which the brethren are beginning to love so well.

They appear to have a committee on work, consisting of three members, and from its report, elsewhere in the proceedings, it appears that four schools were held in as many different cities, and that the attendance at these schools was composed of representatives of about 150 lodges, also a large number of brethren from other grand jurisdictions Each school was continued for a period of three days. In concluding its report the committee further says—

To the ladies of the order of the Eastern Star, we desire to express our sincere thanks and grateful appreciation for the many courtesies extended to us during these schools, and the delightful refreshments served on these occasions. * * * *

It is hoped that our Tony, and our board of grand examiners will take note of this extract.

Concerning masonic clubs, the grand master reports the receipt of a letter asking for a charter to form a masonic club at Ft. Myers.

He says—

I considered the matter for some time, but was unable to find any express authority for the grand lodge or the grand master to grant such dispensation, and I did not grant it. I made some investigation into the character of these clubs and have reached the conclusion that there is nothing objectionable about them. * * * *

This part of his address was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, which disagreed with the grand master, and reported the following regulation, which was adopted by the grand lodge—

Regulation No. —. The organization of any club or society by the members of the particular lodges under the jurisdiction of this grand lodge, using the name masonic, or other term indicating connection with masonry, which club or society becomes affiliated with, or under the control of, any central power or authority or body, exercising control over such club or society is prohibited, and all clubs or organizations of members of any of the particular lodges in Florida are hereby directed to at once withdraw their affiliation with any and all central powers or bodies exercising control over them in any manner.

The matter of clubs appears to be a live question in many grand jurisdictions. It is possible that we Illinois masons are prepossessed in favor of the policy pursued by our own grand lodge, but on this subject of clubs, it certainly does appear, that its attitude must be the correct one; it is announced by the committee on jurisprudence in 1914, as follows—

We are of the opinion that there is no objection to the formation of societies or clubs recruiting their members from a particular lodge. The objection is to using the name, influence or funds of the lodge to further the purposes of such society or club.

The matter of the protest of the grand regional lodge De Philippinas of Manila against the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands came before the grand lodge for action, which on recommendation of the committee on correspondence, was ordered received and filed and the request therein contained refused. In support of this recommendation the committee says—

After a careful examination of the circumstances attending the organization of the grand lodge of the Philippines which was recognized by this grand lodge, this committee can see no reason why you should recede therefrom, nor do we believe that the applicants claiming to be the Gran Logia Regional De Philippinas is entitled to any recognition at our hands.

The following were introduced and referred to the committee on jurisprudence, to-wit:

Resolved that the stars and stripes be displayed in the East in each and every subordinate lodge, working under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge of the State of Florida, and be it further Resolved, That the flag shall lead, and have a prominent place in our public processions, such as St. Johns Day, June 24th and Dec. 27th, of each year.

The committee took the view that the action of the grand lodge on this matter should be permissive only, and recommended the following, which was adopted—

That the particular lodges *may* display in the East the flag of our country, and that they may carry the same in all processions where a masonic banner is carried. We also recommend that each particular lodge provide itself with a banner of blue, having on it the name and number of the lodge, and the place of location, together with the words F. & A. M. of Florida.

It appears from the record that—

Bro. Stafford Caldwell, the grand orator delivered a very interesting oration which was greatly enjoyed by the brethren. Upon motion the thanks of the grand lodge were extended to the grand orator, and he was requested to furnish a copy of the oration to be printed in our proceedings.

The said oration does not appear in the printed proceedings, but there is a letter from him dated Feb. 28, 1916 addressed to the grand secretary which in effect states that he has not the time to prepare a copy for the proceedings, but will later furnish a copy to any of the brethren who want it. The like of this has once or twice occurred in Illinois.

The following resolution was adopted, after a favorable report from the committee on finance, to-wit—

Resolved, that the committee on work be and is hereby instructed to revise the Monitor now in use in this grand jurisdiction, and arrange for publication, thereof both in pocket size and for use in lodges as a manual. * * * *

Florida has a board of trustees of masonic home and orphanage, but as yet no home. For some time they have been accumulating a fund, which according to report this year aggregates thirty thousand one hundred ninety-two dollars and seventy-four cents. This fund has been raised principally by the grand lodge and grand chapter O. E. S. with some assistance from particular lodges and individuals. They are planning to select a site for the home this year. From the report of the trustees the following is extracted—

The thanks of the grand lodge are due the grand chapter O. E. S. for its munificent assistance. The grand secretary is hereby requested to transmit to the said grand chapter a copy of so much of this report as relates to it.

The returns from lodges show an apparent increase in membership during the year of six hundred sixty-three.

Bro. James E. Crane was elected grand master, and Bro. Wilbert P. Webster was re-elected as grand secretary.

Just before the closing of the grand lodge, the record shows the following—

Your committee on installation and past master's degree beg leave to report that we have held three meetings, and have conferred the past master's degree upon eighty-eight brothers, who have been regularly elected as masters of their respective lodges. * * * *

The report on foreign correspondence fills one hundred ninety-eight pages, and is subscribed by Bro. Silas B. Wright, past grand master, and chairman of the committee. In opening he says—

The work of the correspondent is like the traditional woman's work, never done. He no sooner writes his finis than he must pick up his next book in order and write his introduction. As his right hand lays away

Wyoming, the postman hands him next year's Alabama. The work of reading, reviewing and condensing some 20,000 pages of matter, much of it dry, and statistical, some of it *hot air,* and much of it page after page of names of office holders and members, which like the delinquent tax list in the weekly paper, is not always entertaining.

The distinguished brother is apparently very careful and conscientious in his work, and writes a very readable review. He devotes ten pages to a review of Illinois, for 1915. He says the grand master's report is "an excellent well written document, ably presenting the many matters which were brought to his attention." He notes what the report states concerning the bequests of George H. Glover and Charles C. Bishop, deceased, and the munificent gift of the grand chapter, royal arch masons. Notes, also the account of the dedication of the hospital at Sullivan, and the comments of the grand master on the George Washington memorial. He reproduces in part what the grand master says concerning the schools, and what he says concerning his visit to the associated fraternal homes of Illinois.

He commends the amendment to our constitution fixing the tenure of office of grand representatives at five years, and hopes Florida will do likewise. He makes mention of the report of the committee on music, and of the committee on masonic research.

Of the report on correspondence, he says—

The correspondence report was written by past grand master Owen Scott and is a most excellent, thorough and interesting review.

He proceeds to quote in part Bro. Scott's preview. Of Bro. Scott he further says—

He comments upon the fact that in Florida we call our lodges particular lodges, instead of subordinate, or constituent.

Will our good brother please take notice that in Illinois they are *constituent lodges,* elsewhere we are obliged to see them designated as *subordinate lodges,* which we much dislike, because they are not, and because the habit of so designating them is acquired by familiarity with something besides the masonry of the ancient charges. There is good authority for calling them particular lodges, and hence we can stand that designation very well.

The next annual communication will be held at Jacksonville on the third Tuesday in January, 1917.

Bro. James E. Crane, Grand Master, Tampa; Bro. Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.

GEORGIA—1915

661 Lodges 129th Annual 41,649 Members

On the fly-leaf of the attractive appearing volume of the proceedings of this grand lodge appears a fine portrait of the grand master, Bro. N. H. Ballard. The annual communication was held at Macon, commencing October 26, 1915, and was opened and presided over by the grand master, all the other grand lodge officers being in their respective places and stations except the junior grand warden. There were present also, to grace the occasion six past grand masters, and the representatives of forty foreign grand lodges, Bro. Joseph Gregg, Jr., the representative from Illinois, being of this number. The grand master's address fills thirty-five pages, and tells the story of the year's official activities, and in a mellifluent, oratorical style which no one north of the Ohio river could imitate, and few south of it could excel. In the exordium he says—

One hundred and eighty-two years ago there landed upon Georgia soil a noble man, superb in knightly deeds, and great in his love for humanity. He looked through eyes of faith to a time and country where the strong would not and could not oppress the weak; where no human being could be wrongfully enslaved and deprived of natural rights and liberties; and where there would not and could not exist the sale or intemperate use of intoxicating drinks, the evil influence of which had brought thousands to untimely graves, wrecked happy homes, blighted the prospects of youth, plucked the rose from woman's cheek and set a seal of sorrow there, and debauched more of the human race than all other evil influences combined. * * * * Would that our noble founder could but witness the wonderful progress his own Georgia has made toward the realization of his dreams. Imperial Georgia, lifting aloft higher than her mountain tops that banner of white proclaiming to the world her freedom from tyranny of intemperance. * * * *

Whereby he means to intimate (presumably) that Georgia has "state wide" prohibition, and that James Ogelthorpe, in his dreams, was a prohibitionist. If Ogelthorpe had that kind of dreams none of his biographers mention the matter.

The grand master in sorrowful notes announces the death of their popular and beloved junior grand warden, John Robert Wilkinson, and of the convening of an emergent grand lodge for the purpose of conducting his funeral. He announces, also the death of the veteran past deputy grand master of Georgia Bro. John Elwert Redwine, at the great age of ninety-two, whom he characterizes as "head and shoulders above all his brethren." Among the deceased of other grand jurisdictions he mentions the passing of Bro. Edward Cook, past grand master of Illinois.

He notes the issuing of three dispensations to form new lodges, and the constituting of nine new lodges. He reports the laying of fourteen

corner stones, five by proxy and nine in person, and thinks he broke the record in laying three corner stones in one day. He notes the issuance of forty-five special dispensations to lodges to confer more than five degrees at a single meeting, nineteen to lodges to remove place of meeting; forty to lodges to confer degrees "out of time;" and thirty-one for miscellaneous purposes—which is certainly going some, in the matter of special dispensations. He reports twenty-one decisions all of which were approved by the grand lodge and none of which were of great importance generally. The following strikes one as a sort of novelty—

No. 20. A member of a masonic lodge in another grand jurisdiction moves to Georgia, and operates a near beer saloon. Charges are preferred by the local lodge. The accused pleads guilty and states that he was unaware of the fact that he was committing a wrong against masonry, as it was not in violation of the masonic law in his grand jurisdiction. But whether right or wrong he valued his masonic membership more than any gain he might derive from the sale of near beer, and from that moment would quit the business, regardless of what might be his loss. Held that the necessity of voting on guilt or punishment at the same communication did not exist in this case, and since the punishment administered would depend on a future contingency, the lodge was authorized to enter a plea of guilty and defer the vote on punishment to a subsequent communication.

No. 21 announces a correct doctrine, but is a little bit more sweeping and stringent that the same is usually stated; to-wit—

A master mason making improper proposals to the wife of a fellow craft mason, or the wife of any man, is as guilty of wrong as if she was the wife of a master mason. Masonry throws around woman's honor a shield of protection, and woe be unto him who heeds not its warning.

The grand master notes the arrest of two charters during the year, and concerning one of them says—

This arrest was made upon the direct request of the master and wardens of lodge. They represented to me that they were unable to enforce the masonic law of Georgia in their lodge; that although some of their members were guilty of drunkenness in the lodge room, and upon charges being preferred plead guilty, that the lodge refused to administer any punishment whatever; that a number of their members were guilty of drunkenness; and that a majority of the lodge were so much in sympathy with these parties that they would not inflict any punishment whatever.

Taking these statements at their face value the grand master's summary action was not only justifiable but highly commendable, but what an unusual, not to say incongruous state of affairs is here presented. In the opening of the grand master's address, page 39, we find "Imperial Georgia" with state wide prohibition; on page 57 we find the proprietor of the "near beer" joint pleading for a chance to put on the "lid," promising to sin no more; while on page 59, we find John a Barleycorn rampant, and in the "saddle," more wicked and lawless, if possible, than common.

The lodge which thus lost its charter is located at a small town, and in a county far into the interior of the state, and so far as disclosed not

in proximity to the "near beer" joint, and so the wave of inebriety is not easily accounted for. This recital is not for the purpose of attempting to render what the grand master reports ridiculous, nor to find fault with his views, or official action, but rather to justify the deductions, that, (1) In Georgia, as elsewhere, there are several classes of men; (2) In Georgia, as elsewhere, the representatives of more than one class find their way into masonic lodges; and (3) Georgia is not appreciably nearer to the millenium than other good localities, for instance, perhaps, Illinois. The grand master reports correspondence had with the masonic relief association of the U. S. and with the Washington memorial association, and submitted to the grand lodge both of these matters for action.

Under the head of "Foreign Relations" he says—

I have received a request from the grand lodge of free and accepted masons of the Philippine Islands requesting fraternal recognition from this grand lodge. They state that they have already been recognized by most of the grand lodges of America, as well as England, Ireland and Scotland. Almost in the same mail I received a protest against the recognition of this grand lodge from the Gran Logia Regional de Filipanas.

Concerning this matter the committee on general welfare reported—

Referring to the request for recognition of the grand lodge of free and accepted masons of the Philippine Islands we recommend that it be referred to the chairman of the correspondence committee for a thorough investigation and report.

The committee on correspondence did not report, and so this is the last of the matter of recognition at this session. It is interesting to note, however, that the (general) report of the committee on correspondence contains a review of the proceedings of this same grand lodge of the Philippine Islands for the year 1914. In this report, under the head "Correspondence" he says—

A good report is made by most worshipful Brother Harvey. Georgia, however, is not reviewed.

Why should he (Bro. Harvey) review the proceedings of a grand body not in fraternal correspondence with the grand lodge for which he writes? The grand master in highly poetic and beautiful language makes reference to the masonic home at Macon, and concludes by saying—

I have nothing but praise for the present management of the Home.

It elsewhere appears that the cost to the grand lodge for operating the home for the past year was $10,205.77; but it no where appears what number of members they at present sustain.

The grand master closes his address with a peroration in which he strikes, oratorically speaking, a Henry W. Grady gait. He says—

We are the descendants of those ancient builders whose cunning hand and fertile brain have filled the earth with most wonderful works of art. Marble blocks touched by their chisel speak of faith and hope, and granite wrought in beautiful forms proclaim their profoundest religious concep-

tious. The hands which wrought, and the fertile brains that planned these wondrous works of art have long since perished from the earth. A new form of expression has supplanted the costly type used by the ancient brethren. Ours is a nobler art, for we build in the hearts of men a living temple, a temple of truth and honor, as enduring as Eternity, and as everlasting as truth itself. Beautiful Milan shall perish; magnificent Cologne shall crumble and not one stone be left upon another; the wintry blast shall sign a sad requiem over the spot where now stands glorious York, yet, the living temple which masonry is erecting in the hearts of men shall outlast all of these. * * * *

The returns from lodges show a net gain in membership of 1191. The report of the finance committee shows that there was on October 28, 1914, a cash balance of the general fund in the sum of $47,355.32, that during the year ending October 28, 1915, the receipts amounted to $45,425.25, and that the sum disbursed for running expenses during the year was $44,500.00. During the session Bro. N. E. Harris, the Governor of Georgia visited the grand lodge, was presented by the grand master and made a felicitous address. The report on correspondence is by Bro. Charles L. Bass, and is prepared with taste and discrimination. It consists of one hundred forty pages, four of which are devoted to a review of the proceedings of Illinois, for 1914. He mentions the celebration of our seventy-fifth anniversary, and the addresses delivered by Brethren Scott, Bell, and Wright, respectively, and says—

Each address was of high order, and worthy of the auspicious occasion.

Of the grand master's annual report, he says—

In his annual address grand master Burnap gives a splendid account of his administration.

Refers to his report of issuing commissions to one hundred seventy-five grand lecturers, and says—

If the Illinois brethren do not know masonry it will not be for want of teachers.

He makes mention of what Bro. Burnap says concerning organizations within lodges, and reproduces a great part of what he says concerning Sabbath desecration, and refers to what he says concerning cremation.

He quotes from the opening part of Bro. Scott's report what is said concerning the essentials of regularity, and the action of the grand lodge of Tennessee in recognizing bodies which master masons know nothing about, (in Bro. Scott's review of Tennessee) and his prescription of a dose of optimism to Bro. Baird of the District of Columbia, in his review of that grand lodge. The next annual will be held at Macon, October 31st, 1916.

Grand Master, Bro. N. H. Ballard, Brunswick; Grand Secretary, Bro. W. A. Wolihin, Macon.

HOLLAND

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IDAHO—1915

64 Lodges 48th Annual 4,640 Members

The book of proceedings of the grand lodge of Idaho is an attractive, well printed volume adorned by the portraits of the newly elected grand master, Bro. Francis Jenkins, and the grand secretary, Geo. E. Knepper.

The annual communication was held at Boise, commencing September 14, 1915, and was opened and presided over by Bro. Andrew Christenson, grand master, the other grand lodge officers, being in their stations.

Nineteen foreign grand lodges were represented by their ambassadors, respectively, Illinois, not of this number.

In the grand master's address mention is made of the passing of Bro. John R. Thomas, and Bro. Edward Cook, past grand masters of Illinois.

The grand master notes the constituting, during the year of three new lodges and his approval of amendments to the by-laws of five lodges.

He reports thirteen decisions, none of them of great consequence except to those immediately concerned, and says—

Nearly all of these questions and a number of others which I have received during the year, show a lack of knowledge of our constitution and masonic law, and I would suggest that the masters and secretaries at least take a little time each week to study the laws, so that they might become at least as proficient in this as they are in opening and closing the lodge and in conferring the degrees.

Among the decisions rendered: In No. 1 the grand master decided that the steward in a hotel, in which the guests are served with wines and other intoxicating liquors in the dining room, is disqualified under their law for membership in a lodge.

In No. 4 the grand master was asked—

Is a lodge allowed to officiate, as a lodge, in the ceremonies of laying a corner stone of a church on Sunday?

Answer—

As a lodge you cannot take part in laying a corner stone on Sunday, nor on any other day, unless the grand lodge has charge.

The grand master states—

The report of the grand secretary shows a membership of almost 4,700. The membership a year ago was 4,413. This indicates a healthy growth and a favorable sentiment towards masonry throughout our jurisdiction. In 1904 we had in the orphan fund about $40,000, in 1909 about $55,000, in 1914 about $72,000; August 1, 1915, about $75,000, the interest on which is used to take care of our destitute widows and orphans at their homes.

In conclusion the grand master delivers himself of the following quotation, and for the reason that while human nature continues to manifest itself as heretofore and at present the protest therein is timely, the same is reproduced—

I cannot close my report without uttering my protest against another practice of far greater consequence, and deserving of the greatest condemnation. I refer to the unmasonic habit of electioneering and log-rolling for office, or other masonic honors. Our grand lodge sessions have not always been free from these offensive methods, and it is not to be wondered at that some of our constituent lodges have become tarred with the same stick. To my mind it is a serious matter, and it is difficult to speak of it with patience. The member who indulges in it is a mason in name only. He certainly has not caught the spirit of the institution. Masonic honors mean much because they are freely and voluntarily bestowed, as a tribute to the character and service of the recipient, but when they are secured by contributions and trades of scheming men, they cease to be honors at all, and become mere trappings and belongings of cunning wire-pullers. This degrades the institution, and robs it of its greatest glory.

From the committee on returns of lodges, which was adopted by the grand lodge, the following is extracted—

We find that four lodges have not reported to the grand secretary the reading of the proceedings in open lodge as required by our regulations, * * * * and recommend that these lodges be fined $5.00 in accordance with our regulations for failure to read the proceedings in open lodge, and report the same under seal of the lodge to the grand secretary.

The report on foreign correspondence consists of one hundred and eight interesting pages, and was prepared by Bro. Geo. E. Knepper, grand secretary.

He devotes liberally of his space to Illinois, for 1914, and is discriminating in his notes. He mentions the celebration of our seventy-fifth anniversary, and reproduces a great part of Bro. Goddard's address, on that occasion, calling him "Bro. Lerry A. Goddard." He makes reference to Bro. Scott's address, entitled "The Past," and says—

From this address we cannot quote; it must be read in its entirety. So full; so rich in masonic interest; everyone interested in the freemasonry of Illinois should commit it to memory.

He reproduces a considerable part of the addresses of brethren, Bell and Wright, on the present and future, respectively. He makes reference to the report of the grand master, and quotes from what is therein said concerning special dispensations, cipher rituals, and cremation.

He copies, in part, Bro. Scott's statistical table, used in his report, and from what Bro. Scott therein says concerning grand masters' prerogative and making masons at sight. * * * *

Grand Master, FRANCIS JENKINS, Moscow; Grand Secretary, GEO. E. KNEPPER, Boise.

INDIANA—1916

560 LODGES. 95TH ANNUAL. 73,720 MEMBERS.

The otherwise attractive, and well printed volume of proceedings of this grand lodge is adorned by a fine picture of the American flag, a likeness of the grand master, Bro. Harry B. Tuthill, and full page cuts of four masonic temples, located at Hartford City, Owensville, one each, and two at Indianapolis. As a testimony to the efficiency and artistic taste of Bro. C. W. Prather, grand secretary, the book speaks eloquently and truly. The annual meeting was held at Indianapolis, commencing May 23, 1916, and the grand lodge was opened in ample form, and presided over by the grand master, Bro. Charles P. Benedict, the other grand lodge officers being in their several places. The occasion was dignified by the presence of seventeen past grand masters, and the representatives of twenty-three foreign grand lodges, the envoy from Illinois being absent.

Previous to opening, however, the members of the grand lodge were entertained by a musical programme, and an instructive address by Bro. L. Ert Slack, the address being printed in full in the proceedings.

The grand master's address, "Allocution," fills twenty pages and contains a succinct account of the years activities.

With becoming expressions of sorrow he announced the death, during the year, of past grand masters Daniel McDonald and Sidney W. Douglas, and of nine hundred seventy-three other members of Indiana lodges.

Among the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions, he mentions brethren William H. Scott, and Edward Cook, past grand masters of Illinois. He reported the constituting of three lodges, all by proxy, the granting of four dispensations to form new lodges and the laying of ten corner stones, one in person and nine by proxy.

He reported the suspension of one charter for cause appearing, and upon consideration and report by the committee on charters and dispensa-

tions the charter of this lodge was permanently arrested. It appears that a member of the lodge had been tried for assaulting the master of the lodge, and although the evidence that the offending brother had struck the master was uncontradicted the lodge found him not guilty. The grand master set aside the verdict and ordered a new trial at which he presided in person with exactly the same result, whereupon the grand master took charge of the charter, on the spot, and suspended the functions of the lodge.

The committee after hearing a statement of the facts from the grand master and from representatives of the offending lodge reported as follows—

We find that a condition exists in this lodge that is not compatible with the best interests of masonry, and that the local lodge is responsible for such condition.

The grand master was sustained and the charter ordered revoked. Under the head of "The Study Side of Masonry," the grand master reported that, pursuant to grand lodge action taken last year he had appointed a committee to further masonic research, took occasion to commend the report of the committee, and recommended that the grand lodge make such committee permanent.

From the report of this committee it appears that as a part of its labors a plan had been adopted for the lodges as follows—

(1) Set aside one meeting in February for the purpose of discussing the origin of masonry. * * * *

(2) We are sending you (all the lodges), under this cover an address prepared by grand master Benedict upon the subject of King Solomon's temple. Select some one to read this paper at the meeting. * * * *

(3) Select three or four of your members to talk five or ten minutes upon some phase of the paper. * * * *

(4) After the meeting make report to the chairman of the committee. * * * *

Something near one hundred lodges reported, and from the tenor of the reports mentioned it would appear that considerable interest was awakened by the use of this plan. Following the lead of the grand master, the committee recommended that this be made a permanent feature of the grand lodge, and the committee was continued for another year.

Our Indiana brethren are much exercised over their prospects for a home. The grand master says—

On July 9, 1915, the contract was let for the building of the Indiana masonic home. The work has progressed splendidly since that time. * * * *

Instead of opening the grand lodge the morning of the second day, a train was chartered, and the grand lodge officers and representatives went *en masse,* on a visit to the home at Franklin, more than five hundred being of the party.

Much enthusiasm was displayed by the brethren, all of whom seemed to be highly pleased with the progress of the work, the location of the home, and the arrangements of the building. * * * *

The visitors spent half a day on this trip, returning to Indianapolis on the train leaving Franklin at 12 noon. It is expected that the home will be ready for occupation by September 1, 1916.

From the reports it appears that the receipts to May 15, 1916, on account of the home fund aggregated the sum of $220,741.31 and the expenditures on building to that date, the sum of $143,230.58 and $58,487.21 yet to be paid, on completion of contracts. The receipts were from grand lodge funds, from donations by lodges, and other bodies whose members are masons, or allied with masons. In the report of the building committee it is said—

We would be remiss in our duty did we not call your attention to the splendid support given us in every part of our work by the order of the Eastern Star. Not only have they donated $6,500 to the furnishing of the home, but in addition have given $3,300 to the building fund, a total of $9,800 during the past year. This with their previous donations of $31,200 brings their total donations to $41,000. Surely they have shown that their hearts are in this great work.

Under the head of "Centennial celebration" the grand master says—

In 1918 we pass the century of the existence of the grand lodge of Indiana. Due preparation should be made for appropriate ceremonies for such an important occasion. * * * * I therefore recommend that a committee be appointed by the grand master, with instructions to prepare a suitable plan for this occasion and report the same at the next meeting of the grand lodge. * * * *

The grand lodge concurred, and the committee was appointed.

Under the head of "University masons," the grand master makes mention of the fact that there is at Purdue University a chapter house of the Acacia fraternity, and at the State University a travelers' club, the members of which are freemasons in attendance at these institutions of learning. He says—

I desire to give recognition to these college organizations of masons in Indiana, and bid them God-speed.

The committee to which this part of the grand master's "Allocution" was referred, reported in part as follows—

That we are in most hearty accord with the official recognition given to these University groups of master masons. * * * * Not being chartered to confer the ancient craft degrees, living as they do in a thought-atmosphere, we fondly expect that from among these University masons there will eventually come the leaders of masonic thought, purposes and practices. * * * * Brethren of the campus, we wish you happiness in preparing yourselves not only for your vocations in life, but for the multitude of calls which the world is making for practical helpfulness.

All of which is fine, and it is devoutly to be hoped that the brethren of these fraternities will accept the greeting, and the challenge therein implied, in the same splendid spirit in which it is tendered. The report and recommendation were approved by the grand lodge.

The grand master reported his attendance at the meeting of the Washington memorial association at Alexandria, Va., and recommended that the grand lodge make further investment in this enterprise. A committee was appointed with past grand master Benedict as chairman to consider this matter and report at the next annual session.

The grand master reported but one decision, and this was on the adoption by a lodge of an amendment to its by-laws, as follows—

The trustees shall consist of nine members, five of whom shall be members of the Oriental Realty Co.

The grand master ruled that—

No other organization could be recognized by a masonic lodge.

A decision to be commended, though extensive in its scope.

The report of the grand secretary, both as to finances and statistics, is methodical and complete. It appears that he collected on account of the general fund during the year the sum of $30,484.27 of which the sum of $22,469.75 was for grand lodge dues. From the statistical report it appears that there was a net gain in membership during the year of 3,706.

On the afternoon of the first day of the session the lodges of Marion county, by past grand master Charles N. Mikels, presented the grand lodge with a large American flag, and caused small flags to be distributed to the members and representatives of the grand lodge. The record shows that following the reception by the grand master of the large flag, and the distribution of the small flags, "The grand honors were given," a statement which at this distance does not sound exactly coherent, but perhaps such a wave of patriotic enthusiasm swept over the grand lodge, as to induce the brethren to disregard conventionalities. On motion it was ordered that—

All lodges in the state of Indiana provide themselves with an American flag, of suitable size for their lodge rooms, and that the leading thought in our lodges the coming year should be patriotism.

All of which can be understood, and subscribed to, except the giving of the "Grand honors."

At 6 o'clock of the first day of the session, the officers, representatives and members of the grand lodge repaired to the banquet hall in the masonic temple, and there enjoyed a splendid dinner. Bro. Charles P. Benedict, grand master, presided as toastmaster. In the matter of oratory following this repast Bro. Paul P. Doddridge, master of Vincennes lodge No. 1 led the way, and as might be expected by those of us who know him, fixed

the pace at a rapid gait, his theme being, "The things that make a great lodge." He was followed by Bro. Charles A. Lippincott, whose theme was, "The province of a lodge of master masons." The oratorical exercises were concluded by an address from Bro. Lincoln V. Cravens, past grand master, on "The relation of the grand and subordinate lodges to each other."

All of these addresses are printed in full in the proceedings, and are all well worthy of the place. In the course of his address Bro. Cravens said—

Let us not forget that a grand lodge is the creation of its constituent members, and has no power except that which is expressed in its constitution, rules and regulations, and yet it is the highest governing power known to masonry. Regularly organized grand lodges, as we now know them, date from January 24, 1717, when the four lodges in London united and formed the grand lodge of England. The history of the organization of our grand lodge is typical of all other grand lodge organizations. * * * *

This language of the most worshipful brother is reproduced because it is true, and because if taken at its face value it demonstrates that the expression "subordinate lodge," as applied to a lodge of ancient craft masons, is a solecism, and should be relegated to the scrap pile.

On the report and recommendation of the committee on charters and dispensations, four new lodges were granted charters, and one a dispensation. At the annual election of officers, Bro. Harry B. Tuthill was elected grand master, and Bro. Calvin W. Prather was re-elected grand secretary.

The question of granting permission to Harmony lodge No. 11 (and any other lodge) permission to take part in a parade in the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the statehood of Indiana, was referred to the committee on jurisprudence. Four members of the committee signed a report, finding that—

The granting of such permission would be contrary to the general regulations. We therefore recommend that the special permission to parade in public for other than purely masonic purposes be not granted.

A minority report was presented, signed by three members of the committee which favored the granting of the permission to parade. A sharp discussion ensued but the grand lodge wisely sustained the majority report. A good Hoosier ought to avail himself of this opportunity to parade, not because he is a mason, but because he is a good Hoosier, and those who think masonic clothing appropriate for such an occasion have curious views as to the fitness of things.

The grand secretary, brother Calvin W. Prather, submitted a report on the "Landmarks," and ancient charges of a freemason, which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings. This seems to have been a mere gratuity on his part, as no action by the grand lodge called for such report. It is no surprise, however, to those of us who know Brother Prather, as we

know that as long as he lives, wisdom, erudition, goodness and helpfulness will ooze from him, just as naturally and surely as the perfume will be exhaled from the rose. His report has a certain value, particularly for those who have not access to works treating of the matter on a more comprehensive scale.

It appears from the proceedings that Mrs. Nettie Ransford, grand secretary of the O. E. S. of Indiana, has for many years been advocating the establishment of a masonic home for Indiana, and has procured large sums of money in furtherance of this beneficence. Taking note of this service, the grand lodge, after three rather potent "Whereases"—

Resolved, That the thanks of the grand lodge be tendered to her for this sweet and sacred service.

Resolved further, That there be presented to Mrs. Nettie Ransford, at this session, as a slight token of the love and appreciation of this grand lodge, an office desk and chair. * * * *

Whereupon the grand lodge was forthwith called from labor to refreshment, and past grand master Cravens ushered the lady into the auditorium and the presentation of a mahogany desk and chair was made in felicitous terms by grand master Benedict. Commenting on this presentation speech, and the gracious reply of Mrs. Ransford, it is stated that—

The members were greatly affected, and it was considered by all, as one of the most beautiful things that had ever occurred at a session of the grand lodge.

With all of which we are in hearty accord, except the ungallant, not to say mean, statement in the second "Whereas, That she is now nearing her four-score years." It certainly is unmasonic to publish a lady's age in this manner. No doubt that scores and hundreds of the "Fairest among thousands altogether lovely," among the Hoosiers are now literally trembling in their boots in fear of recognition by the grand lodge, with the incidental publication of their ages.

There is a report on correspondence written by brother Elmer F. Gay, past grand master, consisting of 116 pages. His treatment of Illinois is considerate and fraternal. He reproduces a full page from the report of Bro. Wheeler, as president of the board of managers of the Illinois masonic homes, and quotes in full his remarks following his installation as grand master, and the substance of the report of the finance committee responding to the request for funds for the expenses of the advisory board. Of the report on correspondence, he says—

Past grand master Owen Scott presents another one of his interesting reviews on correspondence in which we find that Indiana for 1915 is thoroughly reviewed.

The next annual will be held at Indianapolis, May 22, 1917.

Grand Master, Harry B. Tuthill, Michigan City; Grand Secretary, Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis.

IOWA—1916.

526 Lodges 73rd Annual 53,969 Members

The book containing the printed proceedings of this grand lodge is profusely ornamented containing a full tone picture of brother Frank S. Moses, grand master, on the fly leaf, and further along in the book are the likenesses of brethren George Washington Ball, Charles Trumbull Granger, and William Fiske Cleveland, all past grand masters, and all deceased, and the six elective grand lodge officers for 1916. Cuts of four masonic temples, all imposing in appearance—more or less—further embellish the book, the temples being located, respectively, at Charles City, Boone, Fort Dodge and Iowa City.

The annual meeting was held at Davenport, commencing June 13, 1916, and the grand lodge was opened and presided over by brother Frank S. Moses, grand master, assisted by a full corps of grand lodge officers, and inspired by the presence of ten past grand masters.

The grand master's address fills thirty-nine pages, and in it he gives an account of his official acts and doings, and expresses his views on several matters.

In the language expressive of great bereavement he reported the decease during the year of brethren George W. Ball, Charles T. Granger and William F. Cleveland, all past grand masters of Iowa.

He reported the constituting of two new lodges, both by proxy, the granting of six dispensations to form new lodges, the dedication of two temples and two halls, the laying of eleven corner stones, partly by proxy, and the surrender of one charter.

Concerning schools, the grand master says—

The continued practice of our Iowa plan of disseminating ritualistic knowledge proves alike its efficiency and its popularity with those whom it aims to benefit. One of my pleasant duties was to be present at several of the sectional or state schools of instruction held last winter, and I regret that I was unable to attend all of them. * * * *

It is evident that the most of the lodge officers and brethren in attendance seriously aspire to be more than phonographs or parrots. * * * *

The co-operation of the masonic research committee with the state schools effected some very interesting and instructive addresses at those meetings. If I might venture a suggestion in such matters it would be to recommend that one night of these schools be given up entirely to such address, remarks by grand lodge officers if they are present, and a free-for-all discussion on masonic matters by those in attendance. It seems to me that when interesting matters like these are combined with a degree conferred in full form that the session is apt to last until such a late hour that the only impression carried away is one of fatigue. * * * *

The point to the last suggestion mentioned depends somewhat on the character of the oratory. If the deliverances reported by the grand master at the schools are similar in character to what this research outfit mails to us here in Illinois, soliciting each of us to take one dollar and fifty cents worth of stock in their "RESEARCH," and showing that we must continue to be ignoramuses world without end unless we do, it is easily conceived that all present except the research orators would be fatigued, more or less.

Two pages of the address are filled with a discussion of the activities of the research committee. Among other things, the grand master says—

The object of all our efforts is to turn on more light, not on the ruins of the past, but on the structure of masonry as it stands today, that our busy craftsmen may not only know how broad and deep and sure the foundations are, but that their individual work may be of such design and finish as to continue its strength and symmetry. The application of masonic principles, symbolic wisdom and rules of conduct pertains to every state and phase of human existence, and we should welcome the words or writings of all whose ready tongue or pen can set before us inspiration for greater efforts or nobler designs for our spiritual temple. * * * * We cannot praise too highly that wonderful masonic journal, * * * * so successfully planned, edited and published by our own Iowa brethren. It is now in the midst of the second year of its existence, with a large and increasing circulation, extending over every quarter of the globe, acquired and held by the value of its contents. Its talented and industrious editor, * * * * is conceded to be one of the most prominent characters of the English speaking masonic world, renowned alike as editor, author and orator. * * * *

Just why the distinguished brother did not add, "Two dollars the year," "Twenty-five cents the copy," "Terms cash in advance," "Now is the time to subscribe," etc., is not apparent.

We have in Illinois several excellent masonic periodicals, some of them occupying the same general attitude to the craft as the one the grand master boosts with his official approval, all of them apparently prosperous, and all of them endeavoring to give their readers the worth of their money, but none of them receiving, or asking the official indorsement of the grand lodge, or any lodge. Our grand lodge is, perhaps fairly representative of the progress and intelligence of the state of Illinois, but it has never undertaken to prescribe the intellectual pabulum for the members of the craft, nor have any of our publishers sought or needed a boost of this nature. As individuals, many of us read the publications, some of us pay for them, and all of us roast the editors if they publish what does not appeal to us, but officially, we let them alone, which is all they have so far asked.

The grand master expressed some pronounced views on the matter of physical qualifications. He says—

I am not in accord with the application to our speculative masonry of the ancient regulation that a candidate must be a perfect youth, having no maim *or* defect in his body, * * * * while we charge our initiates that the internal, and not the external qualifications of a man are what masonry

regards, it does not seem consistent that we should also declare that a man who has had the misfortune to lose a limb or member is totally incapable of becoming a true and faithful brother among us.* * * *

An amendment to the code, reflecting the grand master's views was introduced, but action thereon deferred till next annual. It may be that the physical perfection required in order to qualify the Levites for active service as priests, under the Jewish system, was merely symbolic of a more important kind of perfection, but it was insisted on, although the rule kept out of office many "true and faithful" sons of Levi. So, it may be the physical perfection required by Mr. Mackey's 18th, landmark, of candidates for masonry may be merely symbolic of those higher, and more important kinds of perfection, i. e. moral and intellectual, and if we mean to *keep these always in mind,* we must needs retain that by which they are symbolized intact, even if a decent cripple is once in a while kept out. Pennsylvania is thought to be somewhat singular in the manner in which she adheres to this landmark, but when it is remembered that masonry is a system of symbolism, the more this landmark is studied the more logical will her attitude appear.

The grand master reported a number of "rulings or decisions," all of them relating to different provisions of their code, most of them approved by the jurisprudence committee, and the grand lodge, and none of them in any degree startling. In one of the cases decided, charges and specifications against a member of a lodge had been filed, the brother cited, at the hour fixed he appeared, pled guilty and promised reformation. Whereupon the lodge voted to postpone voting on the question of punishment for six months. The grand master held that the lodge, at the expiration of this period might take up the matter and vote upon the punishment, but that if not taken up promptly at this date, action could not thereafter be taken. The committee held, and the grand lodge concurred in the view, that the failure of the lodge to vote on the question of guilt immediately upon the entering of the plea of guilty had the same effect as the dismissal of the charges.

The grand master ruled in another case that a brother who had not passed a satisfactory examination showing proficiency in the catechism of the third degree was ineligible to serve on a lodge committee. This was approved by the committee and the grand lodge.

Under the head of "Our Institution Abroad," the grand master says—

For another year the horrors of war have cast their appalling shadow over the world. All the energies of highly developed civilization (?) are concentrated upon the devilish task of slaughtering their fellow-men, because of their inherited allegiance to the land of their birth and its ruling powers. The flower of manhood of a dozen nations has been sacrificed in colossal blunders due to the selfish pride of a few ambitious rulers and the influence of equally selfish commercial oligarchies.

The bonds of the fraternal tie have been strained, and in some cases rudely sundered by the edicts of those who have so lost sight of the most useful tenets of freemasonry as to allow the rancor of racial prejudice to disturb the peace and harmony that should prevail within the brotherhood. It would seem that all traces of the teachings of both the ancient craft and the Prince of Peace were obliterated by the deluge of blood now sweeping over the borders of the empires of Europe. * * * *

Unless I am seriously at fault in my understanding of the brethren of this jurisdiction, the grand lodge of Iowa will welcome an early opportunity to help with its utmost power in dispelling all feelings of hatred and discord that have been engendered by the wage of war, and in the establishment of amicable fraternal relations between all true masons.

The report of the grand secretary shows the collection of $48834.66 during the year, of which the sum of $47739.25 was for grand lodge dues. The net increase in membership during the year was 2184.

There is in the proceedings a ten page report from the grand librarian, and an eight page report from the committee on masonic research.

These two reports to some extent supplement and overlap each other, but when it is remembered that the grand librarian and the treasurer of the research committee is one and the same man, this is not to be wondered at. As the treasurer and oracle of the research committee the reading for the craft is prescribed by him and as grand librarian and editor of the * * * * he fills his own prescription. Saint Paul in Romans XI and XIII pleads guilty to magnifying his office, but surely he had no greater cause than this brother has.

On report and recommendation of the committee on lodges U. D. four lodges were granted charters.

On recommendation of the grand master, and the committee on finance, an amendment to the code was adopted increasing the grand lodge dues to $1.00 for each affiliated master mason, of which twenty-five per cent is to be paid to the charity fund.

At the annual election brother Thomas Arthur was chosen grand master, and brother Newton Ray Parvin was re-elected grand secretary.

Following the installation the newly elected grand master was presented with the signet ring, and brother Moses, retiring grand master with a past grand master's jewel.

There is an excellent report on correspondence, written by brother Louis Block, past grand master, consisting of 240 pages, and nothing stale or common in it. His "foreword" consists of three pages, and the single topic discussed therein is the action of the grand lodge of England, prohibiting brethren of German, Hungarian, Austrian or Turkish birth from attending masonic meetings during the continuance of the war. He treats

the matter with becoming seriousness, and speaks his mind freely. In summing up he says—

And this—this happened in the grand lodge of England—the mother grand lodge of the world—from whom has come down to us all the sweet, tender and sacred traditions of our beloved order; it almost sweeps the foundations from under our feet; we feel as does the son who learns that his sweet and sainted mother, unable to withstand temptation, has yielded to the tempter's snare and has fallen. Cannon Foakes-Jackson is right: The grand lodge of England is on trial before the masonic world for violation of the great principle of human brotherhood. She cannot palliate or excuse her sin on the ground that the German masons may have set her an evil example. The masonic world has a right to look for better things from its masonic mother. Nor can she be allowed to excuse her conduct on the ground that the passage of the resolution was necessary for the preservation of masonic harmony in England. Such harmony is like a disgraceful, dishonorable and cowardly peace; it is not worth the terrible sacrifice of principle which it costs. Already the lodges are beginning to violate the order, and masonic dissention is rife in the land. You can't stamp brotherly love out of the true mason's heart—no, not even with a grand lodge resolution—much less make him disloyal to the brother whom he has sworn to help, aid and assist, be that brother's nationality what it may.

He accords to Illinois considerate and fraternal treatment, devoting to our proceedings nine pages. Of our grand master, he says—

His annual address is a fine document, well arranged, and intensely interesting.

He reproduces what is in the report contained concerning the man who desired the grand master to relieve him of the undesirable attentions of the lady member of the O.E.S.; the man desiring his assistance in the collection of a debt; the wife who demanded the summary expulsion of her husband and the man who desired to be made a mason at sight. He reproduces what is in the report stated concerning the visit of the grand master to the library of the grand lodge of Iowa; refers to what is said concerning "Moon lodges"; and the book reported by the committee on music.

He quotes from the report of the committee on obituaries, and reproduces the report of the committee on jurisprudence on brother Jason Lewis's resolution, and adds—

In other words the problem is, just how to put all the clever fakers and grafters out of business, without at the same time, in any way hurting the legitimate benevolent activities of our institution.

He reproduces in full the speech of brother Wheeler, following his installation as grand master, and says—

We shall watch the working out of this plan with great curiosity, for while it may simplify the grand master's work, and lighten his burden, yet some weak link in his chain of organization may make trouble. However, we hope it will succeed, and believe he is entitled to great credit for thinking it out in any event.

Of the special report of the committee on appeals and grievances he says—

The special committee appointed to recommend a code of instructions and forms concerning masonic trials made an elaborate report, and if our Illinois brethren will faithfully use the instruments which these forms furnish them, the business of conducting masonic trials in that state ought to become vastly more efficient and accurate.

Anent the report on correspondence he says—

We have long been an admirer of Brother Scott's fine qualities as a correspondent and regret to note that he has not been re-appointed to succeed himself during the coming year.

Knowing the distinguished brother feels that way now, it makes the cold chills run up the spinal column of one fellow, conjecturing how he may feel next year.

He notes what brother Scott says concerning landmarks, and quotes the greater part of the same. Also; he notes brother Scott's charge that he, (brother Block,) "is perilously near to the advocacy of a general grand lodge; and adds—

Is it really so dangerous, brother Scott? If so we regret that you failed to tell us just wherein the peril lay. * * * *

The next annual will be held at Waterloo, June 12, 1917.

Brother THOMAS ARTHUR, Grand Master, Logan. Brother NEWTON R. PARVIN, Grand Secretary, Cedar Rapids.

IRELAND—1914

The printed proceedings of this grand lodge are contained in a pamphlet of forty-three pages which is adorned by a full page portrait of Rt. Hon. Lord Plunket, R.W. grand secretary, in ornate regalia, gauntlets and all.

It appears that a stated communication was held in Dublin on December 28, 1914, and was presided over by Sir Charles A. Cameron, C.B.M.D., R.W. deputy grand master. In opening his address the acting grand master said—

Brethren, I am very sorry to say that our grand master, the Earl of Donoughmore, has been unable to be with us today; he has, however, sent a letter which I will ask the deputy grand secretary to read to you.

The letter was read, and is printed in full in the proceedings, and is in part, as follows—

I regret very much that, contrary to my hopes, I cannot be in Ireland for Christmas this year, and this prevents my being with you all on Mon-

day next. Please make my excuses to the brethren, give them my warmest greeting and my best wishes for the season. It seems now almost a mockery to wish anyone a happy Christmas this year, with all our anxieties for our friends in Belgium and France: but we can, I feel sure unanimously join in mutual hopes for better things in 1915. * * * *

Following this letter the acting grand master refers to, and commends the report of the deputy grand secretary, and says—

I have very little to add to the information which the deputy grand secretary has given in his report.

The acting grand master congratulated the grand lodge on the prosperous condition of masonry, and continues—

I remember that in 1859 when I was initiated into freemasonry there were only sixteen lodges in Dublin and some of them were in a moribund condition,—paying their dues in order to keep their warrants from being called in. It is a very great contrast to have, as at present 53 lodges in Dublin, instead of 16.

In the opening of the report of the deputy grand secretary, it is said—

The magnitude of the great war in which our country is engaged overshadows every other interest, and touches every part of our national life. The Masonic Order in Ireland has been from every standpoint deeply affected by it, many prominent members are engaged in various departments of state connected with the struggle and very many men are bravely fighting at the front. We have amongst our members under the Irish Constitution somewhere between four and five thousand naval and military brethren, and naturally the various funds raised for the alleviation of the distress caused by the war appeal to the craft particularly in Ireland. * * * * The appeal has been most generously responded to all over the country and amounts at present, (including the grand lodge contribution) to very nearly three thousand pounds.

Under the head of "The Grand Officers", the report states—

No change has to be noted amongst the grand officers, those for the current year having been unanimously re-elected for 1915. The literary prominence of our R.W. grand treasurer, Dr. Chetwode Crawley, in the masonic world has been again recognized by our transatlantic brethren, the grand lodge of South Dakota, one of the most zealous of the grand lodges in the states, having conferred upon him the honor of a past grand warden of that jurisdiction.

The report mentions the decease of a number of noted Irish freemasons during the year, and concludes the list as follows—

Last, but not least, has to be deplored the death of Field Marshal Earl Roberts, that distinguished Irish soldier, who after an eventful life, devoted to the service of his country, ended a noble career in the field of war. He was a member of the Military lodge No. 728, Dublin. * * * *

The report shows the constituting of five new lodges during the year, one military lodge, three in Dublin, and one in County Down. As one of the three in Dublin, the report specially mentions—

Donoughmore No. 412, named in honour of the grand master, and having his permission to adopt the Donoughmore arms as the special badge of the lodge. * * * * This coat of arms ought to help some.

From the same report, it appears that—

A new departure was made in Irish masonry, by the establishment of the lodge of Research, No. 200, a lodge composed exclusively of installed masters for the purpose,—as its name implies—of inquiring into the history of Irish freemasonry, especially in regard to the ancient records of Irish lodges. The lodge started out with a membership of upwards of eighty past masters from all parts of the country. * * * *

The same report further shows that—

The grand lodge of Puerto Rico applied during 1913 for recognition and an exchange of representatives. There was, however, some delay about making inquiries as to its standing in the masonic world, but eventually the inquiries proved entirely satisfactory, and in June the grand lodge sent forward the name * * * * as a suitable representative. * * * *

And from the same report it appears that—

Amongst questions which came before the board of general purposes, and the decision on which would be of general application, was one from a Dublin lodge respecting the precedence of affiliating past masters, when the following decisions were made:

An affiliated past master takes precedence in the lodge immediately after the worshipful master of the year in which he affiliated.

A member of one lodge serving as worshipful master of another to which he affiliated takes precedence in his mother lodge immediately after the worshipful master of the year.

An installed master of the Irish constitution who is one of the founders of a new lodge should be regarded as *ipso facto* a past master of the new lodge, taking precedence with the order of his signature on the memorial.

A past master under the English constitution has no precedence in an Irish lodge, unless he has served office under the Irish constitution, except by special dispensation by the grand lodge. This of course applies to a P.M. of any other recognized constitution.

To each of these an Illinois mason would like to ask: WHY?

Another momentous question was decided by the Board, as may be gathered from the following—

The board from time to time have questions referred to them respecting the application of the "Domestic Livery Servant Clause" in G. L. Law, * * * * * The rulings which apply only to specific cases before them are nevertheless based on the general view that a servant dwelling in the house of his employer and supplied by him with clothing, such as a coachman, butler or valet, although in some cases not wearing an absolute distinct livery, should be regarded as a domestic livery servant, and as such disqualified for membership. On the other hand a chauffeur living away from his employer and supplying his own clothes, would not come under this designation. Of course the rule does not apply to an employe of a corporation or public company, wearing livery, or uniform of the body by whom employed. * * * *

The published returns show the collection during the year of five thousand five hundred fifty-three pounds nine shillings and two pence, of which four thousand six hundred eleven pounds, three shillings and five pence was on account of the general fund, and the balance the charity fund.

Some sort of institution for the support and education of masonic orphans is maintained but the report at hand conveys but little information concerning the management thereof. It does, however, appear that—

There are now 104 pupils on the roll of our girls' school, 101 on the roll of our boys' school. * * * *

No mention was made of the diplomatic circle, nor of a report on foreign correspondence.

The Right Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, M.W. Grand Master; Right Hon. Lord Plunket, G.C.M.G., R.W. Grand Secretary.

Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin.

IRELAND—1915

502 Lodges 187th Annual

The printed proceedings of this grand lodge are contained in a pamphlet of forty-two pages, and show that a "stated communication" was held in Dublin on December 27, 1915. The little volume is adorned by a full page portrait of Bro. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, R.W. grand treasurer, in complete regalia of the English pattern. Concerning this distinguished brother the proceedings state—

In the front page of this report will be found a portrait of Right Worshipful Bro. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, L.L.D., grand treasurer. For upwards of forty years he has been a prominent figure in Irish freemasonry, and has taken a leading part in the preservation of all matters of literary and historic interest affecting the craft. His fame as a masonic writer is not confined to this country, but is known over the whole masonic world, and reflects honour on the grand lodge of Ireland. During the present year he was elected a life member of the Masonic Research Society of the United States, for having voluntarily endowed masonic students of the world with the results of his ardent researches and philosophy of masonry. His chief work on the early history of Irish masonry was published in two volumes some twenty years ago under the title of "Caementaria Hibernica", but is now out of print. Quite recently the board of general purposes approached Bro. Crawley on the subject of obtaining his consent to the republication of that work, together with a selection from his other masonic writings, which for the benefit of his many admirers, I hope will be carried out. Unfortunately, at the present time our distinguished brother is seriously indisposed, but I trust he will soon recover his customary health, and be able to edit and revise those interesting works.

Sad to say, the hope above expressed failed of realization, as since the publication of their proceedings Bro. Crawley has joined the majority.

The annual meeting was presided over by Bro. Sir Charles A. Cameron, C.B. R.W. deputy grand master.

A letter from the grand master, The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, was read announcing his inability to be present at the meeting.

The presiding grand master was assisted by a full corps of grand lodge officers nearly every one of whom has attached to his name some title of nobility. It requires almost a page to contain their names and titles. The manner in which they are chosen cannot be discovered from their published proceedings. All concerning this to be found is in the report of the deputy grand secretary which is as follows—

There is no change to be reported in the list of grand officers, those of 1915 having been unanimously re-elected as the grand officers for the ensuing year. The M.W. the grand master, (Earl of Donoughmore,) was unable to attend the meetings of grand lodge as frequently as in former years, having been engaged for the greater part of the summer and autumn, and in fact is still engaged at headquarters of the Red Cross Society with the British expeditionary force in France.

In his address the acting grand master said in part—

A year has passed away since we assembled here on St. John's day. The war had not then been long commenced, and I was in hope that before we next met here it would have been brought to a victorious conclusion. I am sorry to say that hope has not been realised. The war commenced seventeen months ago, and there appears to be no prospect of its immediate end: but what I would like to refer to is the very considerable part the freemasons of Ireland have taken in it. A large proportion of the population of Ireland came forward and joined the army and navy,—men of all ranks in life—but more particularly from the classes from which our order is mainly recruited and who have so numerously volunteered to serve their country in this crisis. I cannot but think brethren, that future historians will refer to one very distinguished freemason now passed away, and gone to the grand lodge above,—Lord Roberts, who was a past master of one of our Dublin lodges. * * * *

It appears that—

At the outbreak of the war a masonic national relief fund was started, and was liberally contributed to by lodges and other masonic bodies..... At the June communication of grand lodge, it was unanimously resolved, that the existing masonic national relief fund be closed, and the balance to its credit be applied to the formation of a new fund, to be created for the specific purpose of alleviating distress caused by the war to freemasons of the Irish constitution and their dependents. * * * * Since then a number of subscriptions have been received on behalf of the new fund, which now amounts to 2700 pounds. * * * * The first contribution to the new fund was the munificent donation of 516 pounds 10 s. 7 d. (two thousand dollars), from the masonic war relief association of the U. S. A. whose headquarters is at Cincinnati, Ohio. * * * *

Six new lodges were warranted during the year, two of which are military lodges, and one of which is located in Bombay.

The following is quoted to illustrate the peculiar notions of our Irish brethren in the matter of personal jurisdiction, and the matter of qualifications of candidates—

A question arose at the board (general purposes,) as to the nature of the answer which should be sent in reply to enquiries made by a lodge respecting a resident of a town other than that where the lodge meets in which he has been proposed as a candidate. The individual in question may have been rejected by the local lodge, and members sometimes consider that it is sufficient to inform the lodge making the inquiries of the fact, as a sufficient disqualification. It should, however, be borne in mind that the inquiries relate to the character of the candidate, and the report should deal mainly with this question. If there be an objection it should be a substantial one. Personal or social considerations might be a perfectly valid bar to his admission to the local lodge, but would not justify his exclusion from the order at large.

To the latter part of this ruling, some of us wonder WHY? Another ruling of the board, is as follows—

A question arose at the board respecting the initiation of a candidate by a provincial lodge, without the payment of a fee, in order that he might serve as tyler or caretaker of the local lodge. The candidate was a very worthy and respectable man, but nevertheless his initiation under the circumstances was a distinct breach of grand lodge laws. There is a special provision made in the laws of the grand lodge of England for the initiation of *Service Brethren,* who may be initiated without the payment of a fee. * * * * No such arrangement can be made by an Irish lodge, and if a tyler is required he must be sought amongst the ranks of existing masons.

Two amendments to the by-laws are reported, the first as follows—

No lodge shall initiate a candidate on the day on which he shall be balloted for, except by dispensation from the grand master, or in the Colonies from the provincial grand master, or their respective deputies, nor shall a lodge on any pretence confer more than one degree on the same person on the same day.

The second is as follows—

That during the present war all subordinate lodges be empowered and recommended to suspend and remit the fees and dues of all members on active service, and to exempt all those engaged on war service from the necessity of attending lodge meetings.

Under the head "Roll of Honour" the following appears in the proceedings—

There are few lodges but are represented in the fighting line by members on active service, and it has been suggested that all lodges under the Irish constitution should preserve a record of those brethren who have been engaged in the service of king and country in this momentous struggle.

A careful study of the proceedings of this grand lodge, like others whose members view the scheme of this world through English spectacles,

cannot but give rise to the observation that in their way of thinking, it would appear that military renown, and gentle blood, count for infinitely more than the homelier, but more indispensable qualities of devotion to the principles of freemasonry, and service to humanity,—a conclusion not at all reassuring.

There is no way of guessing as to the number of members. It appears that the grand lodge supports a school for the benefit of the orphan children of deceased masons, but the only items to be gathered are to the effect that—

There are at present 104 resident pupils in our girl's school, and 100 in our boy's school. * * * *

The deputy grand secretary's report contains the sorrowful announcement of the death in military service, of Lieut. Ewan Cameron, son of the acting grand master, and the grand lodge expressed its sympathy with the acting grand master, and an acknowledgment of the worth to the craft of the deceased son, he being also a member of the institution.

The grand secretary reported the collection of 5412 pounds, 12 s. and 7d., of which the sum of 4436 pounds, 16 s. and 7 d. was on account of the general fund, and the balance on account of the charity fund.

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P. M.W. Grand Master; Right Hon. Lord Plunket, C.C.M.G., R.W. Grand Secretary.

Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin.

KANSAS—1916

412 Lodges 60th Annual 44,062 Members

The volume containing the proceedings of the grand lodge of Kansas is a fine exemplification of the printer's art, and is ornamented by a full page picture of Bro. William L. Burdick, retiring grand master, and a group picture of the appointive officers of the grand lodge for 1915.

The annual communication was held at Topeka on the 16th day of February, 1916, and was opened in ample form by the grand master, William L. Burdick, all the other grand lodge officers being in their respective stations and places. The occasion was given tone and dignity by the presence of twelve past grand masters, and the representatives of forty-six foreign grand lodges, Bro. Matthew M. Miller, past grand master, the envoy from Illinois, being in his place in the diplomatic circle. The foreign representatives were severally introduced to the grand master, who in turn

introduced them to the grand lodge. On behalf of the representatives, this introduction was acknowledged and responded to by Bro. Giles H. Lamb, the envoy from the grand lodge of Texas.

The grand master's address fills thirty pages, and indicates a busy year for him officially. With commendable expressions of sadness he notes the decease during the year of past grand master, David Blin Fuller, past junior grand warden, Erasmus T. Carr, and past grand orator, Alfred W. Benson. He congratulates the grand lodge on the fact that the ranks of the official family of the grand lodge had remained unbroken.

He notes the constituting of five lodges which were in 1915 granted charter, and the issuance of one dispensation for a new lodge. He reports the laying of nine corner stones, four in person and five by proxy, and the dedication of two masonic halls, one in person, and one by proxy. He reported correspondence with the Washington memorial association, and recommended that the grand lodge take action in the promotion of this undertaking. He notes the action of the grand lodge of Iowa in recognition of the Acacia fraternity, and recommended that the grand lodge of Kansas do likewise. He reports that he issued during the year ninety-four special dispensations, fourteen to enable lodges to install their officers, twenty-six to enable lodges to hold their elections at times other than prescribed in their by-laws, and fifty-four to enable lodges to confer degrees in less than the regularly required time.

Concerning the last named kind of dispensations, the grand master says—

A number of requests came to the grand master during the past year for degree dispensations in order that the applicant might get the third degree in time to take degrees in some other masonic order. These requests were connected with both branches of masonry, the York and Scottish rites. In every case they were refused. Brethren, your grand master proclaims allegiance to both these rites, and he loves them both, but the foundation of the whole structure of masonry is in the blue lodge, the three degrees of ancient craft masonry. If you desire, brethren to strengthen and establish advanced learning in masonry, see to it that the candidate is first a worthy master mason, one who has learned thoroughly the first principles of the craft, and has shown by his loyalty and devotion his fitness for promotion. Do not make, brethren the lodge the mere vestibule to higher degrees. Make it what it really is, the great lecture hall of the masonic university. Other degrees, brethren, are intended to be advanced courses for such as are found proficient.

All of us who revere the masonry of the ancient charges as greatly as the grand master claims to revere "The York and Scottish rites" will appreciate the force of his figure of the "*Vestibule,*" but some of us consider his figure of "*Foundation*" as no better. It certainly is amiss from the purpose to regard the institution of ancient craft masonry as a mere vestibule by which to gain admission into some skyscraper system of which some of us have heard, but is it not in just as bad taste to speak of it in

an assemblage of ancient craft masons as the foundation of these same sky-scraper systems? As master masons we have been taught that the whole fabric of the masonry of the ancient landmarks, from foundation to turret is comprised in the degrees of apprentice, fellow and master, and that among us no other distinctions can be known or recognized.

The grand master takes occasion to commend the services rendered by the sixty-three district deputy grand masters, and says—

They have worked in season and out of season. They have been zealous in building up the cause of masonry some of them for a number of years. They have sacrificed their time, their business, their money, that they might serve the brethren and the grand lodge. They have earned the reward of loyal and faithful officers. * * * *

I have two recommendations to make in connection with our district deputy grand masters. One is, that as they are expected to be present at each annual communication of the grand lodge, and as their presence at such communications is necessary for conference and instruction, they should be allowed their expenses in connection with such attendance, as in case of the grand officers.

The second recommendation is that a distinctive official apron be authorized for district deputy grand masters, one which they may be permitted to obtain *at their own expense,* and to wear after the expiration of their office. I believe such a mark of honor and distinction would materially add to the dignity and consequent efficiency of the office.

These recommendations were referred to a special committee, and upon the recommendation of this committee the grand lodge concurred in the "distinctive apron" proposition, and charged the council of administration with the duty of preparing an appropriate design to properly reflect the dignity of the district deputy grand masters. As to the increased pay, the grand lodge, on recommendation of the committee refused to concur; the committee reporting that "they are now on a parity with the masters and wardens of lodges, and receive personal consideration at the hands of subordinate lodges; this would make further legislation in their behalf a discrimination which might not be understood by the craft at large." In authorizing the "distinctive apron" the committee in its discretion found no discrimination, however gorgeous and ornate may be its design,—can it be possible that the fact that it costs no one anything except the district deputy grand master's themselves, had any influence in shaping the action of the committee, and the grand lodge?

The grand master reports that during the year thirty-six district meetings were held for the purpose of instruction by the grand lecturer. He says—

In such meetings the officers and members of the lodges in a district meet in some centrally located lodge room and there receive official instruc-

tion in the conferring of the degrees, particular emphasis being laid upon the floor work. In addition general instruction is given in all masonic matters, full opportunity being afforded for freedom of questioning. Coupled with the proper leavening of fellowship and hospitality, these meetings are most beneficial both for instruction and fraternity. * * * *

Under the head of "Condition of Lodges," the grand master very appropriately says—

It is expected and required that all lodges shall take a just and commendable pride in the efficiency of our beautiful and impressive work. I wish I could deeply impress upon some of our lodges the great and primal requisite of our organization, namely loyalty, duty and obedience. Moreover a great need in some of our lodges is life and enthusiasm. Some lodges are dead in spirit. A weak and dormant lodge, one in which the members have no pride, one which they habitually neglect is worse than no lodge at all. Such a lodge is a standing humiliation to the magnificent order of which it assumed to be a unit. There is a need, brethren, in some parts of our grand jurisdiction for a better understanding of the meaning of masonry. Furthermore, there is no place where decorum and dignity are more imperative than in a masonic lodge. Let the lodge room, and also its approaches be made attractive, and kept neat, orderly and well lighted. * * * *

The grand master reported two decisions, or official opinions both of which were approved by the committee and the grand lodge. In the first it was decided that—

If a new lodge is established in a platted but unincorporated town the territorial jurisdiction of such new lodge extends to a point equi-distant between the limits of the said platted town and the corporate or platted limits of the city or town having the nearest lodge. No distinction is made between the terms, "limits of a platted town," and "limits of an incorporated city."

The second opinion was rendered in connection with an invitation to the grand master to officiate at the laying of a corner stone of a masonic temple on Sunday. The grand master decided that "Sunday is not an appropriate day, as a matter of masonic policy for the laying of corner stones under masonic auspices." * * * *

The grand master reports that the home is in a flourishing condition, and says—

The monument to Kansas masonry stands in the city of Wichita. I refer of course to the Kansas masonic home. For twenty years this practical evidence of masonic brotherly love has been quietly and unostentatiously translating into action our ideals of fraternal sympathy and relief. * * * * The total receipts of the home from all sources during the past year were $44,627.86. Of this amount $12,100.00 was received from payment of loans, more than four thousand dollars from interest on loans, and the sum of $21,181.00 was derived from the fifty cents per capita assessment upon our masonic membership throughout the state. The sum of $2,696.05 was derived from the per capita of the order of the Eastern Star. In this connection I desire to memorialize the loyalty and devoted interest that the order of the Eastern Star has always shown in the Kansas Masonic home. * * * *

Under the head of "Grand Lodge Office Building" the grand master says—

In the matter of our new office and library building your grand master desires to emphasize his opinion that it is the most important subject requiring attention at this annual communication.

This matter was referred to a special committee which reported, in part as follows—

Resolved that the council of administration be, and is hereby empowered and authorized to erect on the realty owned by this most worshipful grand lodge in the city of Topeka, an office, library and museum building of safe, secure and modern construction, and in type of such design and so ornate in detail as to properly reflect the dignity and importance of this most worshipful grand lodge and its committed purpose to the cause of intelligence and education; that to accomplish this purpose the council of administration is hereby authorized and empowered to convert any securities owned by this most worshipful grand lodge into available cash and apply the same to the erection of the contemplated building; that the council of administration is hereby further authorized and empowered to borrow, in the name of this most worshipful grand lodge such funds as may be necessary to accomplish the erection of the building herewith authorized.

The report of the committee was adopted, and it is presumed that the building recommended will soon be in process of construction.

On the afternoon of the second day of the session an oration was delivered in grand lodge by Bro. Arthur Capper, Governor of Kansas, and right worshipful grand orator, which is printed in the proceedings. It is highly entertaining and instructive in character, his theme being "Masonry and Democracy." It contains a great deal of homely, commonplace truth, but stated in a most uncommonly beautiful manner, and it contains not one single dull paragraph. Kansas masons would do well to commit it to memory.

If space permitted it might well be here reproduced in full. However, the following must suffice—

The spirit which makes democracy possible anticipates danger and prevents trouble. It is the spirit of personal service now exerted in behalf of the whole community. That is the spirit of true masonry, and more and more it is becoming the spirit of America. We have builded gigantic fortunes, largely by accident; but less and less does the mere material weight of wealth dominate our thought, and excite the imagination of our people. More and more are we demanding of our rich men an accounting of their stewardship. More and more are we insisting upon fair dealing and simple justice for the weak and humble. And more and more do Wealth and Power realize their responsibility. We are a long way from the dawning of that perfect day to which the eye of the Christian is ever turned, but in America at least, we find signs of a growing spirit of justice and fairness that bids us hold fast to our faith in the ultimate triumph of righteousness. * * * *

On the evening of the second day, at 7:30 the conferring of the first and second degrees was exemplified before the grand lodge by brethren designated by the grand master.

The returns from lodges show a net gain in membership during the year of sixteen hundred fifty.

Upon the report and recommendation of the committee on usages and customs the grand lodge ordered that five memberships in the Washington memorial association be purchased, and appropriated five hundred dollars for this purpose.

There is a report on foreign correspondence, consisting of one hundred fourteen pages, from the pen of Bro. Matthew M. Miller, past grand master, and representative of the grand lodge of Illinois. Four of his interesting pages are devoted to a review of Illinois, for 1915. He quotes from what Bro. Burnap says in his annual report concerning the character of Brethren Edward Cook and John C. Black past grand master, and past grand orator. He quotes, also from Bro. Burnap's report of the dedication of our Royal Arch Memorial Hospital, at Sullivan; from what is said anent "Moon lodges;" and from what is stated concerning the gentleman who complained of the attentions of a member of the order of Eastern Star. Concerning Bro. Owen Scott, he says—

Past grand master Owen Scott, reviewer, presents another of his admirable reports. He notes the tinge of sorrow given by the war to the proceedings of almost every grand lodge, whether in America or elsewhere and proceeds to quote from what Bro. Scott further says on the subject. He gracefully acknowledges the compliment paid by Bro. Scott to the grand secretary of Kansas on the celerity with which the printed proceedings of the grand lodge of Kansas are published. In conclusion he says—

We note that past grand master Owen Scott has been continued in the onerous duty of completing the Robbins memorial, which was found to be a task beyond even the conception of the committee.

We regret to note that Bro. Scott does not longer appear on the committee where his work has reflected such high honor on his jurisdiction, and credit to himself. It may be, God pity us all, that the brother's regret will be greater next year that it was this year.

There is also a special report of the committee on correspondence on a protest from "The Grand Regional Lodge of the Philippines No. 2" against the grand lodge F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands. The last named body was extended fraternal recognition by the grand lodge of Illinois in 1913 and by the grand lodge of Kansas in 1915.

Very properly, the report held, that the protest contained nothing to justify the grand lodge in changing existing relations. The report of the committee was adopted by the grand lodge.

The next annual will be held at Wichita, February 21, 1917.

Grand Master, Bro. GILES H. LAMB, Yates Center; Grand Secretary, Bro. ALBERT K. WILSON, Topeka.

KENTUCKY—1915

591 LODGES 115TH ANNUAL 43,387 MEMBERS

The volume containing the printed proceedings of this grand lodge appears to have been printed at the masonic home, and is perhaps the best exemplification of the printer's art that has reached this table. It is not only well printed, but is beautified by full page portraits of the newly elected grand master, Bro. Thomas Jefferson Adams, the retiring grand master; Bro. George B. Winslow, and past grand master, Bro. Warren Larue Thomas. It contains also, an interesting biography of the retiring grand master.

The annual communication was held in Louisville, commencing October 19th, 1915, and was "Opened in ample form on the master masons' degree," by the grand master, Bro. George B. Winslow, the other grand lodge officers being in their respective stations. There were present also twenty past grand masters. Our Kentucky brethren apparently consider the "Diplomatic Circle" a luxury which they can get along without, at all events it was not in evidence.

The grand masters' address, proper, fills sixty-five pages, besides which is a "Supplementary Address" of twenty-two pages, treating of a special matter which may be referred to further on.

With appropriate expressions of sorrow the grand master makes mention of the decease of Bro. Warren Larue Thomas, past grand master during the year.

In the report of the committee on necrology mention is made of the decease of Bro. Edward Cook, past grand master of Illinois. The grand master reports his attendance at the meeting of the Washington Memorial Association, held at Alexandria, Va., and the meeting of the Masonic War Relief Association at Cincinnati, Ohio.

He reports that he issued thirty dispensations to enable lodges to publicly install their officers, and well says—

I see no reason why lodges should not be permitted to publicly install their officers without dispensation, just as they attend funerals and religious services without a dispensation.

He reports the granting of three dispensations to form new lodges.

He notes the dedication of three new halls, by proxy, and one in person, and the laying of ten corner stones, all by proxy.

He reports his refusal to grant a number of dispensations, and his refusal to grant authority in five instances to lodges to "Circularize for money" the lodges of Kentucky, and concerning the latter well says—

I am of the opinion that permission should not be granted a lodge to solicit funds from other lodges for the purpose of securing a home of their own. I do not think it comes under the head of either business or charity. * * * * * *

The grand master reports three decisions, and thirty-one opinions, though just wherein consists the difference between a "decision" and an "opinion" is not apparent from anything to be gathered from the report.

All of his decisions and published opinions were approved by the committee on jurisprudence and the grand lodge. His decision No. 1 gets him into "deep water" right at the beginning. It is as follows—

A member of Fitch Munger lodge No. 836 removed to Texas, fixing his domicile within the territorial jurisdiction of Poteet lodge No. 1074. For some masonic offense committed he was by the latter lodge placed on trial, and expelled. Poteet lodge thereupon furnished Fitch Munger lodge with a copy of the charges and specifications, and of its record showing action thereon. The officers of the latter lodge thereupon wrote the grand master to inquire how they should get the name of the expelled member off of their books. On receipt of this inquiry the grand master addressed the grand secretary of Texas, in part as follows—

The secretary of our lodge writes me that a copy of the charges and proceedings of the trial has been forwarded to our lodge, and that our lodge is fully satisfied with the trial and has no complaint to make if the same be in accordance with our laws. Under the laws of this grand Jurisdiction we concede to the lodges of other grand jurisdictions the right to try and expel members from our lodges, provided the law of the other grand lodge permits our lodges to do likewise with their members.

To this the grand master of Texas replied—

I beg to advise that the laws of this grand jurisdiction give subordinate lodges the right to try any mason within its jurisdiction for any masonic offense, and to punish him therefor. Our laws are silent on the rights of the power of lodges in other grand jurisdictions to discipline members of our lodges sojourning therein. The question of such jurisdiction is regulated by the laws of the several jurisdictions. I have no doubt that if any member of a lodge of this grand jurisdiction should be guilty of a masonic offense and punished therefor, the action of said lodge would be duly recognized by masonic authority in this grand jurisdiction. * * * *

Upon receipt of this letter the grand master of Kentucky rendered his decision, and wrote the grand master of Texas as follows—

In reply to yours of the 23rd, inst. relative to the action of Poteet Lodge No. 1074 in your jurisdiction expelling a member of Fitch Munger Lodge No. 836 in this grand jurisdiction, I beg leave to advise that while the brethren of Fitch Munger lodge seem to have no objections to the result of the trial by your lodge, they have asked me how to dispose of this case upon the records.

I am of the opinion that it is beyond the power of this lodge of Texas to expel this brother from a Kentucky lodge, except it be by some authority claimed by the grand lodge of Kentucky. * * * * For the present I am in duty bound to hold that the action taken by Poteet lodge in attempting to expel a brother from a Kentucky lodge is void, and am so advising Fitch Munger lodge by this mail. * * * *

As above intimated, this decision was approved by the committee, and the grand lodge, and the person concerned stands expelled from all the rights and privileges of masonry in Texas, and as this writer believes throughout the masonic world, except in Kentucky, where he is a member in good standing of Fitch Munger lodge. The law of Illinois on this subject provides that—

Every lodge shall have the right, when any moral or masonic law has been violated, to exercise discipline over all its members wherever residing, and over *all masons,* affiliated or unaffiliated, (except present masters and grand master,) *residing or sojourning within its territorial jurisdiction,* and, like that of Texas, is silent as to what may be done by foreign jurisdictions in the way of disciplining members of its lodges, while there sojourning.

The rule thus fixed is certainly in accordance with reason and common sense, as well as general masonic law and usage.

Why should any grand lodge attempt to establish a rule permitting lodges of other grand jurisdictions to do what it has no power to oblige them, or any of them, to do, nor to prevent them from doing if they so choose?

It is not to be presumed that any grand lodge would claim for itself any right, privilege or authority, whether jurisdictional or otherwise, which it refuses to concede to all other grand lodges with which it is in fraternal correspondence. In this particular case our Kentucky brethren practically admit that substantial justice has been done by the Texas lodge, and their technical objection to its jurisdiction because the code of Texas conferring jurisdiction is not couched in the same language as the code of Kentucky, is not in the best taste, does not tend to promote inter-jurisdictional comity and courtesy, and hence does not commend itself to the Masonic world.

Decision No. 3 is interesting, intimating the passage of a regulation somewhat novel—

No. 3. The regulation passed at the last annual communication in reference to proficiency examinations in the masters' degree seems to have created considerable discussion in this jurisdiction, and I have had a number of requests for a decision as to its validity, and have received a number of briefs thereon from various brethren. * * * * I decided the regulation to be valid. * * * * I doubt if the regulation in question should have been passed, and perhaps it should be repealed. * * * *

The regulation provided that all persons hereafter raised to the degree of master mason be required to pass an examination in the catechism of said degree in open lodge, and should be ineligible to vote, or hold office in the lodge until such examination had been taken.

We are all more or less familiar with that "catchy" piece of jingle that for some years has been going the rounds entitled, "The South is Going Dry." The following would appear to somewhat discredit the intimation therein given, or at the least indicates that the South has not quite gone dry.

No. 13.—A master mason who is a member of this lodge, came to the lodge last evening drunk and conducted himself unbecoming as a mason. His condition was not noticed by any one until the ballot was passed on a candidate to take the Fellow Craft degree, when he arose, called for a black ball, opening and exposing his ballot and expressing his vote. On account of fear of violence he was allowed to remain, but the lodge was called off. When he finally retired some of the members asked that the ballot be spread again, but some objected to await advice from you. Shall we wait three months as required by law, or shall his vote be counted?

To this the grand master replied—

Will say that the offending brother should have been forthwith required to leave the lodge room. * * * * In order to make the rejection, a second ballot must be taken, and until a second ballot is taken the candidate does not stand rejected. I am therefore of the opinion that at your next stated communication the ballot should again be spread, * * * * I suggest that the offending brother should be tried on at least two charges, one for appearing in the lodge drunk, and the other for wilfully exposing his ballot.

The grand lodge of Kentucky owns its own temple and supports an old masons' home and a widows' and orphans' home. It carries a bonded indebtedness on its temple in the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars, the bonds apparently being owned and held by the trustees of the home. At the beginning of his administration the grand master set himself to raise during the year by "free-will offerings," the sum of sixty thousand dollars to apply on this bonded indebtedness, and reports his inability to raise this amount, and laments the fact that a large number of those lodges deriving the most benefit from the "homes" had been, to use the language of Handy-Andy, very "backward in coming forward" with their quotas, respectively, in order to the raising of this fund. He reports the collection in the manner above indicated of the sum of thirty-three thousand nine hundred forty-two and 6/100 dollars.

It appears that there were at the old masons' home fifty-four masons, two of whom have their wives with them, and that at the widows' and orphans' home the average enrollment of children is three hundred forty-Schools are maintained for the children, and every effort is being made to train and equip them for useful citizenship. In the matter of maintaining a home the grand lodge of Kentucky claims to be the pioneer, and she deserves to be congratulated on her success in this beneficent work.

The subject matter of the grand master's supplementary address is concerning the following—

There is published at the home, a paper called "The Home Journal," the profits of which go to the home, and it is styled "The Official Organ" of the grand lodge. An arrangement was made by and between the editor-in-chief of this home journal, and one P. H. Callahan, chairman of a committee on religious prejudice, representing the Knights of Columbus Order in the United States and Canada, whereby a controversy between the two was to be conducted, concerning, presumably, the relative merits, and claims to popularity of masonry, and the Knights of Columbus, to be published, simultaneously in the home journal, and a Catholic periodical published in Louisville. On the 3rd day of January, 1915, pursuant to this arrangement, which was entered into without consulting the home board under whom it would appear he held the position of editor, the first installment of such controversy appeared in the home journal. It consisted chiefly of twenty interrogatories addressed by the editor to the said P. H. Callahan. The grand master disapproved of any such controversy being carried on in the "Official Organ" of the grand lodge, and convened the home board in special meeting on January 8th, and the board unanimously took the same view of the matter, and ordered that nothing "religious or political" thereafter be published in the journal, unless approved by the board.

This ended the publication of the matters of the controversy with Callahan, but the editor of the journal published a scathing criticism of the grand master, and other members of the home board, impugning their motives and impeaching their judgment, although he had attended the meeting of the 8th, and had apparently acquiesced in the orders of the board as to the Callahan discussion. He also appears to have mailed circulars containing the substance of the editorial, and other matter of the same nature, to all the lodges in Kentucky.

One lodge took the editor's view of the matter, appointed a committee, prepared an address condemning the action of the grand master and the home board in the Callahan matter accused them all of being in league with the pope for the purpose of suppressing free speech, etc., and mailed this to all the lodges in the state.

The grand master visited this lodge, accompanied by several other officers of the grand lodge, to ascertain what was the occasion of *their roaring,* but was treated with great courtesy and consideration, and when he had in open lodge explained the action and views of the home board, was assured that the matter should be dropped. Presently, following his departure however, another address, or resolution of the same character, but much more disrespectful in its terms, purporting to emanate from this same lodge was formulated and mailed to all the lodges in the state. The grand master finally, after putting up with this conduct much too long, arrested the char-

ter of this lodge. Meanwhile the editor kept up the war with the grand master, and other members of the home board, until the board was obliged to call for his resignation "for the good of the service," and he is now running a paper of his own, and can parade his wounded dignity, or vanity, to his heart's content, and at his own expense.

The matter of the report of these occurrences by the grand master furnished the storm center around which the activities of the grand lodge revolved a great part of the time during the session. A special committee was appointed to report on this supplementary address, and after considering the text of the address, with innumerable documents and resolutions, replies and circulars therein referred to, reported to the grand lodge. From this report a part is reproduced—

First: It is the opinion of your committee that the board of directors were well within their authority, (and that they acted with masonic prudence) when they directed that religious and political controversies were not to be carried on in the home journal, and in directing that any further controversy with Mr. Callahan should cease. * * * *

Sixth: We approve the action of the grand master in arresting the charter of said St. Andrew's lodge but we feel that he temporized too much, and delayed too long his action in arresting the charter. * * * *

We recommend that the original charter of St. Andrew's lodge No. 18 be immediately restored to it, on condition, however, that said lodge, at its next stated meeting, rescind the resolution creating the committee, and discharge said committee, and immediately mail to the incoming grand master a copy of the order rescinding said resolution and discharging the committee, and upon the failure so to act, that the grand master arrest the charter and cite the lodge to appear before the next grand lodge.

In reaching the conclusion herein expressed, and the recommendation herein made, your committee has not been unmindful of the fact that many profanes deride, condemn and attempt to injure the order; that some brothers with pure and lofty motives may, in their zeal for the institution, do things which might result against their intentions so to do, in injury to the order, but in the Providence of the Great Architect have all failed to do it injury. Notwithstanding the attacks from profanes and in the misguided conduct of some of its zealous supporters, it has extended, and still extends, with each passing day its influence to every sect, and into every clime. Its votaries come from all the walks of life, from the highest rank of the professional man, to the humblest laborer who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow. Why then should the world desire its destruction?

We seek no contest with the throne or the altar; we ask no assent to political or religious dogmas; we solicit no converts to our cause. Based on the principles of immutable *justice*, supported by wisdom, strength and beauty, it will endure till the last syllable of recorded time.

After a great deal of oratory and discussion pro and con, this report was adopted by the grand lodge.

It is interesting to note that the grand master of Kentucky says that the P. H. Callahan above mentioned is the same person who was the active factor in obtaining a "clean bill of health" from Congressman Kettner,

and certain grand lodge officers, and past grand lodge officers of California, for the order of the Knights of Columbus, as related in the review of California.

Upon recommendation of the committee on lodges U.D. the grand lodge ordered that two new lodges be granted charters, and that two be continued under dispensation.

The returns from lodges show a net gain in membership for the year of twelve hundred forty-eight.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of Bro. William W. Clarke, P.G.M., and consists of one hundred twenty-eight pages of well prepared notes, five pages of which are devoted to a review of Illinois, for 1914.

He notes the celebration of our seventy-fifth anniversary; quotes from the opening part of Bro. Burnap's annual report what is therein stated concerning the European war; notes what is therein stated concerning the schools; quotes in full what is stated anent Sabbath desecration; quotes what is stated in reference to entered apprentices holding dimits from lodges in other grand jurisdictions, and says—

There was a time not very far distant, when the entered apprentices constituted the body of the craft, and all legislation by subordinate and grand lodges was done in lodges opened on the entered apprentice degree. In view of this fact, this decision, if it does not in effect mean that entered apprentices are not masons, restricts their ancient rights and privileges, one of which was the right to transfer their membership from one lodge to another. If we are not incorrectly advised, even to this day the mother grand lodge of the world holds its communications when opened on the entered apprentice degree. The reasoning of the grand master, we think, is specious. * * * *

Of the committee on correspondence he says—

Past grand master Owen Scott is the author of the interesting and informative report of the committee on correspondence.

He refers to brother Scott's list of "The Big Ones" (lodges) and says—

Preston lodge of Louisville, Ky., which has a larger number of members than any of those reported by him except Palestine lodge of Detroit, is omitted.

Correcting Bro. Scott's inadvertance it is proper to state that the returns show that the present membership of Preston lodge is eleven hundred seventy-one.

The report quotes with hearty approval what Bro. Scott says concerning "Essentials of Regularity."

Next annual meeting will be held at Louisville, October 17, 1916.

Grand Master, T. J. ADAMS, Louisville; Grand Secretary, DAVE JACKSON, Louisville.

LOUISIANA—1916

227 Lodges 105th Annual 17,768 Members

The attractive appearing well printed volume of proceedings of this grand lodge is adorned by a picture of the grand master, Bro. B. B. Purser, and the late Bro. Richard Lambert, grand secretary emeritus.

The annual grand communication convened at the scottish rite cathedral in New Orleans, February 7, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., and was opened on the third, or master's degree in ample form, by Bro. B. B. Purser, deputy grand master, all the officers below him in rank being in their respective stations and places. Adding dignity to the occasion there were present eight past grand masters, also, the representatives of fifty-seven foreign grand lodges, Bro. Charles F. Buck, the envoy from Illinois, being among this number.

The address of Bro. Purser, acting grand master, fills twenty-three pages and recounts the official acts of the grand master and himself, during the year. Under the head of necrology he says—

For the first time in the history of our grand lodge a grand master has died in office and in this first instance he was stricken in actual work at his desk. And the only grand secretary emeritus holding such office in this grand jurisdiction has been called to his eternal rest. In the loss of Bro. Alfred W. Cheesman, our grand master, and Bro. Richard Lambert, our grand secretary emeritus, the craft in Louisiana suffered severe blows.

It elsewhere appears that Bro. Lambert was the acting grand secretary for twenty-four years consecutively, and for the two years preceding his decease had been grand secretary emeritus.

There is in New Orleans what the grand master calls the Louisiana relief lodge, which appears to have for its purpose the temporary relief of indigent brethren, sojourners, as well as their own members. Lately they have organized an employment bureau which is operated in connection with their relief work. This feature commends itself as the very best kind of relief, as most self respecting masons would rather have the chance to earn something, than to be the idle recipients of the bounty of their brethren—that is if able to work. The grand master takes occasion to commend the services of this relief lodge, and calls upon the grand lodge, and constituent lodges, to furnish the funds necessary to carry on its work. Under the topic, "The Black Ball," he says—

I feel that the present system of a separate ballot for each degree should be continued, and that one who knows of unsatisfactory conduct on the part of an applicant for the mysteries of freemasonry should not be willing to vote favorably or remain away from the lodge because of the favorable recommendation attached to the application and the favorable report of the investigating committee. * * * *

I do not believe that the black ball is used for petty spite or for revenge, but I believe in the general conscientiousness of the craft. * * * *

The acting grand master says under the topic "district deputy grand masters"—

Of the thirty-three district deputy grand masters, but seventeen have seen fit to comply with the grand master's instructions and make their formal report. * * * * I find where special matters have been referred to the district deputies they have acted promptly and carefully. It is in general routine business I find them lacking.

This is most unusual, as grand masters generally have nothing but commendation and praise for these useful, and almost indispensable officers.

Concerning grand lecturers he says—

The large number of lodges to be visited made the length of the visit to each lodge by the grand lecturer exceedingly short; that it was impossible for the lecturers to teach the work or the craft to acquire it; that the results were not commensurate with the expense; that the plan of the schools of instruction, adopted by the grand lodge of Illinois and many other grand lodges worked far more satisfactory than ours. * * * *

Without any disposition to boast, or to pose as a pattern for others, it may be observed that in the opinion of the writer, the grand lodge of Illinois, is, and for the yast forty years has been, getting more in the way of instruction for the money invested than any other grand lodge on earth.

The acting grand master reported the constituting of three lodges; the instituting of one new lodge; the laying of two corner stones, and the dedicating of five new halls. He reports the granting of thirty-five special dispensations for the purposes of holding elections, installations, and the like. Dispensations were granted for the formation of three new lodges.

Fourteen decisions, or rulings are reported, all of them relating to construction of local laws, none of them of very great moment, and all of them were approved by the committee of law and jurisprudence, save one which was in part disapproved by the committee, and the grand lodge. It relates to the recommendation required in support of a petitioner who has been rejected, and involves a construction of their code controlling such cases.

In 1914, the grand lodge adopted an edict concerning examinations, as follows—

Every master mason shall be compelled to submit to an examination in his own lodge thirty days after being raised, the examination being in its scope that for the E. A. and F. C. degrees, and to the satisfaction of the lodge.

At this session a resolution for the repeal of this edict was introduced, and referred to the committee on jurisprudence. The committee reported in favor of its repeal, and its recommendation was concurred in by the

grand lodge. In support of its recommendation the report of the committee states that—

Where the attempt to enforce is made, there is discord and dissatisfaction.

Pursuant to the acting grand master's remarks concerning the grand lecturer, a resolution was introduced providing for the holding of one school of instruction annually in each masonic district, but action thereon was postponed till the next session of the grand lodge.

The table of returns from lodges shows an apparent gain in membership, during the year of six hundred fifty-five.

For the edification of the craft, and to advance knowledge in our well-beloved and mystic art, to use the language of their code defining the character of the oration to be delivered annually, on the second day of the session, Rev. Bro. John F. Foster delivered a well prepared address, which is printed in the proceedings. Their code provides for no such officers, as a grand orator, yet it apparently provides for the delivery of an oration.

Bro. Brittain B. Purser was elected grand master, and Bro. John A. Davilla was re-elected grand secretary.

There is a report on foreign correspondence, subscribed by Bro. Herman C. Duncan, chairman of the committee. It consists of fifty-six pages of notes very well condensed and abbreviated. Speaking of his review of the proceedings of grand lodges he says—

We have carefully considered these papers, and find much of interest in them. That which we deem of interest to our brethren of this jurisdiction we have extracted and herewith respectfully submit.

Inasmuch as the good brother extracted nothing from Illinois, we reluctantly conclude, either that he found nothing in our proceedings which he deemed interesting, or that our proceedings failed to reach him. The next annual meeting will be held February 5, 1917.

Brittain B. Purser, Grand Master, Amite; John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, New Orleans.

MAINE—1916

205 Lodges | 97th Annual | 31,328 Members

The annual communication was held in Portland, May 2, 1916, and the grand lodge was opened in ample form and presided over by brother Thomas H. Bodge, grand master, the other grand lodge officers being present. There were present also four past grand masters, and the representatives of thirty-eight foreign jurisdictions, Illinois being unrepresented. The grand master's annual address fills 15 pages of the book of proceedings, and recounts his official acts and doings, and contains many good things. In his exordium he beautifully says—

The labors of those who have assembled in years gone by are perpetuated in our laws and customs; upon the foundation they laid has been builded the grand lodge of Maine with its traditions and record of achievements.

While there is no place in our fraternity for innovation we must continue to meet from time to time and consult upon our work, and determine various questions that will inevitably arise. * * *

Initiation is only a small part of the work we should have in hand when we make a man a mason. Masonry means more than the assembling in our lodges, reciting our ritual and making applicants into members. It means the teaching of the truths of Holy Writ, which treat of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. No man can be made a mason unless he profess belief in Deity, and no man can be a mason unless he recognizes his duty to his fellows and neighbors, and discharges that duty with honor to himself. We cannot escape the fraternity being judged by the lives of its members. * * *

Announcement is made in the address of the decease during the year of two past grand masters, brethren Fessenden Irving Day, and Roscoe Green Estes, and other brethren of local prominence.

In the matter of decisions the grand master said—

While many requests have been made for a construction of the laws there is little new that is likely to come before the grand master for a decision.

He was however called upon to construe their law with reference to territorial and personal jurisdiction, residence of prospective candidates, and physical qualifications. In the matter of residence he well says—

It is my firm conviction that permission to accept petitions under other than the regularly prescribed conditions should be granted very sparingly, and only for serious reasons and the mere convenience or caprice of the petitioners are not sufficient. * * * Residence is established by intention coupled with presence, modified by circumstances. * * * If an applicant cannot conform to the requirements regarding residence it is not the fault of the fraternity, any more than that many cannot conform to the requirements as to physical qualifications. * * *

The grand master further says—

Several inquiries have been received to learn if persons might petition for the degrees, uncertainty existing because of some maim or defect. In each instance I have called the attention of the lodge to the law in the case, leaving the master to determine if the intending applicant can comply with the requirements without artificial assistance. * * * I know there is a varying opinion among masons, and even between the grand lodges as to how far the idea of physical perfection should control. However much my sympathies may be with him who wishes the degerees but cannot conform to the requirements of our ritual, I am still of opinion the rules laid down by our early brethren are satisfactory. A few isolated cases command our sympathy, but in general our regulations are not too strict. Concerning the black ball, the grand master said—

While it is doubtless true that it is occasionally used by members in an unworthy manner, I am frank to state, brethren, I am more afraid of the misuse of the *white,* than that of the black ball.

The grand master reported the laying of one corner stone, and the receipt of one application for a dispensation to form a new lodge, which he held in abeyance till the annual meeting of the grand lodge.

The grand master reported that—

About the usual number of requests for lodges in this jurisdiction to work degrees for lodges of other jurisdictions or vice versa, have been received or made.

He reported the destruction by fire of three halls, with the incident loss of the charters of the three lodges affected, and recommended that each lodge procure a certified copy of its charter for every day use, and that the original be kept in a fire-proof vault.

The grand master called attention to the report of the committee on foreign correspondence, and said—

I think few of the members read these reports as they should, and I suggest when you assemble in lodge, and have little of business to occupy your attention, you read the report, and discuss the various subjects, ever bearing in mind that the laws and regulations of the different jurisdictions vary. While the writers profess to present only their own personal opinions, they must of necessity be largely the views held by the grand lodge which they serve. * * *

The financial report shows the collection during the year, for all purposes of the sum of $9840.57, of which the sum of $1000.00 was transferred to the charity fund. The table of returns shows a net gain in membership, during the year of 444.

On report and recommendation of the committee on dispensations and charters, it was ordered that a dispensations be issued for the formation of one new lodge.

The grand lecturer reports the holding of three schools, and says—

Each of the schools held this year has been fully up to the standard in numbers present and in interest in the work. I have given full and

exact instruction in the secret work, and in each school the brethren present have expressed great satisfaction with the results obtained. * * *

The reports of the twenty-five district deputy grand masters are printed in the proceedings and fill sixty-five pages, and show great activity on the part of these useful officers.

Brother Waldo Pettengill was elected grand master, and brother Stephen Berry was re-elected grand secretary.

In his mention of their distinguished dead, the grand master concluded his comments by the use of some lines of poetry, the author which is unknown to this writer, but they have such a ring about them that this passage is again recurred to for the purpose of re-producing the lines—

I cannot say—I will not say
That they are dead. They are just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
They have wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since they are there.
And you—O you who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of them faring on as dear
In the love of there as the love of here;
Think of them still as the same I say,
They are not dead—They are just away.

There is a report on foreign correspondence, by brother Albro E. Chase, past grand master, consisting of one hundred sixteen pages of well prepared notes.

His treatment of the proceedings of Illinois for 1915 is most considerate and gracious. He quotes from the grand master's report what is therein stated concerning concerted efforts in the promotion of universal peace, and re-produces the cases therein reported of the man who requested the grand master to relieve him of the undesirable attentions of the lady supposed to be a member of the order of the eastern star, and the wife who demanded the summary expulsion of her husband on the grounds of non-support. He quotes, also, what brother Burnap therein said concerning clubs and like organizations in apartments adjoining lodge rooms. He mentions the book containing selections of ceremonial music, as reported by our committee on music, and quotes the report of the committee on jurisprudence on the use of the term "masonic" in connection with business enterprises.

Of the review, he says—

Brother Owen Scott presented the report of the committee on masonic correspondence. and quotes from the "preview" what is said concerning landmarks.

The next annual meeting will be held at Portland, May 1, 1917.

Brother Waldo Pettengill, Grand Master, Rumford; Brother Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, Portland.

MANITOBA—1916.

77 Lodges 41st Annual 7,241 Members

The annual communication of this grand lodge was held at Winnipeg, commencing June 14, 1916, and the grand lodge was opened in ample form by the grand master, brother William Fenwick, assisted by the other grand lodge officers. There were present also seven past grand masters, and the representatives of twenty-eight foreign grand lodges, brother Robert T. Hewitt the envoy of Illinois, being of this number.

The grand master's address fills eight pages, three of which record his views with reference to the great European war, and matters connected therewith. He says, in part—

Who has the assurance to express in words the extent of the miseries caused by this war? Never perhaps in the history of the world has there been greater need for Divine inspiration and guidance, and the subordination of selfish propensities, and never has there been greater need, or opportunity for freemasons to demonstrate their sincerity and worth by cooperating as a whole in ungrudging sacrifice in the cause of suffering humanity, and in unswerving allegiance to the sublime principles, brotherly love, relief, truth and charity—which ever strongly appeal to the finer intuitions. Accordingly I circularized the craft through the various lodge secretaries as follows * * * *

Throughout the British Empire the sentiment—Loyalty to King and Country—is a cardinal principle of freemasonry. The value of freemasonry to the empire may be estimated by the practical application of the principles it expounds. * * * *

As masonic principles are eternal it is with confidence that I appeal to every brother mason owing allegiance to the grand lodge of Manitoba to contribute the sum of one dollar at least, in order that it may be placed in the hands of the committee on benevolence for allocation for war relief work as such committee may deem best. * * * *

As the grounds alleged for the contribution desired our brother surely does not intend to place ancient craft masonry in the attitude of an appendage to royalty or of indorsing the administration of every reigning prince in committing his people to the hazards of war for the gratification of his ambitions and whims, yet his language rather squints in that directions. His appeal is well and timely, but it should be grounded on the helpless and suffering condition of those who have been despoiled by the calamities incident to the war, rather than as an indorsement of the conduct of the prince, or of loyalty to his administration. All good masons are willing and anxious to contribute to the alleviation of the sufferings of those rendered destitute by the ravages of war, because it belongs to us as masons to relieve the distressed, rather than because of our loyalty to the prince, or because we favor any particular party to the conflict being waged.

Of this appeal, the grand master further says—

As a result of such appeal the sum of $4,000.00 has been collected. However, as such is not enough I respectively suggest that the grand lodge supplement the amount by a vote of two thousand dollars.

The grand master reported the issuing of one dispensation to form a new lodge.

One decision is reported, to-wit on a petition for initiation—

The gentleman in question had lost his right leg. An artificial leg enables him (unassisted by a cane) to kneel, move about freely, and generally to attend to his business affairs. Indeed I have no reason to believe that in any degree were his business interests prejudiced by the loss of the leg. Having for many years known the applicant favorably, and in view of the fact that his capacity and thrift had placed him in comfortable circumstances financially, and that there was thus no likelihood of his becoming a charge upon the order I was encouraged to grant permission to receive his petition.

This may be the correct way of interpreting the ancient charges according to the Manitoba code, but with most of us the decision cannot be regarded with favor as a precedent, and the reasons assigned are still more difficult to subscribe to.

The grand master reports quite a number of official visits to lodges, and says—

I have been greatly concerned to learn that in several lodges the attendance has not been as numerous as that of other years. It is pleasant to me to state that in some instances the members on active service represent twenty-five per cent of the lodge membership, and that their absence is worthy of the noblest masonic teaching. I deplore the absence of past masters from the many meetings. * * * *

It would appear that the fact that a large number enlist as soldiers speaks eloquently of their loyalty to the king, as to whether, or not it is indicative of loyalty to the principles of masonry is not so evident to all of us. As to past masters some of us in this country think they do well to take a back seat, as many of them do.

The grand master is much impressed, properly so, with the practical utility of district meetings, and makes some good suggestions for the purpose of making them more profitable to the craft.

Special dispensations are reported as follows—

To enable lodge to re-ballot on rejected candidate 1; to waive requirement as to residence of candidate 1; to elect or install officers at times other than as provided in lodge by-laws 21; to confer degrees in less than lawful time 7; and to attend divine service 32.

The report of the grand secretary shows the collection during the year as dues from lodges the sum of $7,126.25 and the same report shows a decrease in membership during the year of 1.

The grand master's address is followed by detailed reports of the ten district deputy grand masters, whose services to the craft the grand master takes occasion to commend. On these the committee on "The condition of freemasonry" reported as follows—

The duties of the District deputy grand masters have been performed in a careful and conscientious manner, and this too, in the face of a winter we are not liable to forget for many years. These brethren have done the craft a signal service. Your committee have therefore very great pleasure in recommending that the rank of past district deputy grand master be conferred upon * * * * here follows a list, which includes the ten brethren. The recommendation was concurred in by the grand lodge. And thus ten souls were made happy, as is to be presumed, with very slight expense to the grand lodge.

On report and recommendation of the committee on charters and new lodges it was ordered that a charter be granted to one new lodge.

Brother Henry E. Bletcher was elected grand master, and brother James A. Ovas was re-elected grand secretary.

There is a report of a committee on foreign relations and correspondence subscribed by brother Percy E. Kellett. It consists of 16 pages, was presented by the chairman of the committee and on motion was "*received and adopted*" by the grand lodge. It is arranged topically. In the opening part of the report it is said—

It has been the custom of your committee to submit a review of the proceeding of sister grand lodges. These reports are replete with lofty thoughts, high ideals and practical suggestions. * * * *

The purpose of the correspondence as your committee understands it should be to afford information to the membership as to what is transpiring in the masonic world outside the particular jurisdiction for which the report is made. * * * *

Does the local mason need this information? Most assuredly, for the mason who knows only his own masonry is like the business man who knows nothing more than his own personal, private and peculiar methods.

Your committee venture to hope that their brief and somewhat meager report of these conditions in other jurisdictions will meet sufficiently with the approval of this grand lodge as to lead to its being an established custom hereafter for grand lodge, at its regular annual communications to have a comprehensive review of the condition and progress of masonry throughout the world. * * * *

Under the topic "masonic research" the report notes the steps taken to promote study clubs in Iowa, Indiana, Oregon and other jurisdictions. Under the topic "masonic war charity" mention is made of the generous response made in many grand jurisdictions to the call for aid on account of suffering incident to the war. Under the head of "masonic homes" the committees on correspondence of West Virginia and Quebec, (both adverse to the home project,) are quoted with approval.

Under the head of "masonic unity" the committee classifies everything existing or floating around under the guise or name of masonry as follows—

There are three well defined groups of masonry scattered throughout all the countries of the world, but all apparently are similar in principles and traditions. They are dis-similar because of the more or less importance given in each group to religion.

The first group regards as an absolute necessity the adoption of what are called the landmarks, and in particular, these two; belief in the G. A. of the U. and the presence of the Bible on the altar. * * * * The second group leave to their members the right to believe in God if they wish, but impose on them no act of faith. The third group comprises purely christian masonry.

Their first group includes the masonry of the British Isles, the several grand lodges of the U. S., Canada, and the Australian group; the second France, Belgium and others perhaps; and the third Denmark, Norway, Sweden and perhaps some of the German grand bodies.

Continuing, the report of the committee it is said—

Your committee do not wish to be understood as wanting to change our constitution, our ritual or our landmarks, but would prefer to have these remain as they are. For the sake of the attainment of our ideal of universal brotherhood, though, they would respectfully recommend that the grand lodge adopt the principle that we can enter into fraternal relationship with any masonic body whose members are good men and true, men of honor and honesty, who are earnest searchers after the same truth as we are, even though they do not insist in lodge on the presence of the Bible on the altar, and the declaration of belief in the G. A. of the U. * * * *

As a matter of fact there is one kind of masonry, and one only, and that is the masonry defined by the landmarks and ancient charges.

Those bodies that were irregular *ab initio,* and those bodies which in their inception were regular, but have since abandoned the essentials of regularity, whatever they may style themselves are not masonry. They may constitute good imitations of masonry, but can never in fact become the real article, any more than the imitation can become a real dollar. As landmarks, tending to define ancient craft masonry, so vital and fundamental are the Bible, and belief in God, that it is believed that of all the masons of the several grand lodges in the United States, not one in a thousand would ever again enter a lodge were the Bible removed from the altar, and the name of God eliminated from our ritual.

The next annual will be held at Winnipeg, June 13, 1917.

Brother Henry E. Bletcher, Grand Master, Winnipeg; Brother James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Winnipeg.

MARYLAND—1915

116 Lodges 123rd Annual 17,135 Members

The book containing the printed proceedings of this grand lodge is artistically bound and well printed, and its attractiveness is enhanced by the full page picture of Bro. John Merriken Carter, deceased, who at time of his death was the sole surviving past grand master.

The annual communication was held at Baltimore November 16, 1915, and the grand lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Charles C. Homer, Jr., right worshipful deputy grand master, the other grand officers, below him in rank, being in their respective places and stations.

The right worshipful deputy grand master then ordered the right worshipful grand marshal together with the grand pursuivant and the grand director of ceremonies, to proceed to the apartment of the most worshipful grand master and inform him that the grand lodge of ancient, free and accepted masons of Maryland was opened, and awaited his pleasure.

MUSIC—Organ

The most worshipful grand master, Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, accompanied by the right worshipful grand sword bearer, was escorted into the grand lodge. His entrance was proclaimed by the right worshipful grand marshal, the grand honors were given, and the most worshipful grand master was conducted to the East.

This account is given in the language of the proceedings because it is impossible to give an adequate idea of the stately, solemn, and gradiloquent manner in which this grand lodge conducts its business in any other way. The record proceeds to state that "The most worshipful grand master addressed the grand lodge and in the course of his remarks he announced the death of past grand master John M. Carter, stating that before taking up the business of the grand lodge he would pay a tribute to his memory * * * * *"

Whereupon, after appropriate music, eulogies on the deceased brother were delivered by the grand master, and by Rev. Bro. Henry Branch, grand chaplain. These eulogies were followed by the recital, by Bro. Hobart Smock, of Albert Pike's Poem, "*Every Year,*" and the exercises closed with a musical number by the choir.

The grand master's address is not published, and its import can be gathered only from the proceedings of the grand lodge.

The most worshipful grand master also having referred to the Washington masonic memorial association, it was resolved that five thousand dollars

be donated to this association, to be paid at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. Dan. F. Billmeyer, 158, was *unanimously rejected*: Resolved that the grand jurisdiction of Maryland shall have a masonic home, and be it further

Resolved, that this most worshipful grand lodge, at this communication, November 16, 1915, take the first steps necessary for the accomplishment of this very laudable and necessary purpose.

The records fails to show whether Bro. Billmeyer was suddenly called away, and the vote on his resolution was taken in his absence, or whether he changed his mind as to its expediency, or whether his vote was rejected by the returning board. It would appear that having introduced the resolution he should have voted for it himself.

On motion it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the united patriotic home for orphans and homeless children, located at No. 1508 Eutaw Place, and if found worthy that five hundred dollars be donated to them. The report of this committee was satisfactory and the donation was made.

A special report of the committee on correspondence was submitted, as follows—

Your committee on correspondence, after long and patient waiting on the mother grand lodge of England to recognize her offspring across the seas, and after eighty-five percent of the brethren of the world have extended the fraternal hand, now feels justified and cordially recommends the recognition of the grand lodge of Queensland and suggests the appointment of a duly credited grand representative to represent this grand lodge, near that grand jurisdiction.

The grand lodge concurred in the report and recommendation.

The great surprise of the session appears in the record as follows—

The most worshipful grand master announced that the time for the election of grand officers for the ensuing term had arrived, and vacated the East, which was assumed by Bro. Charles C. Homer, Jr., right worshipful deputy grand master, who presided during the election of most worshipful grand master, the result of which was the *unanimous re-election* of most worshipful Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, most worshipful grand master. * * *

When it is remembered that this was only the thirty-first time Bro. Shryock had been thus surprised, the occasion cannot be regarded as any thing short of phenomenal.

It may be, that after a while the brethren of Maryland, Bro. Shryock, and the rest of us, will become so accustomed to the unanimous re-election of Bro. Shryock as grand master of Maryland that it will cease to be considered unusual, or in any way astonishing.

The most worshipful grand master, after making a short address, resumed the East, and the other grand officers were elected. * * * *

The right worshipful deputy grand master then installed the grand master, who in turn installed the other grand officers.

Both the financial and statistical reports of the grand secretary are very methodical and complete. It appears that he collected during the year from all sources the sum of thirty thousand nine hundred seventy-five dollars and seventy-two cents, all of which was paid over to the grand treasurer.

Of this sum, nineteen thousand six hundred forty dollars and fifty-five cents was for grand lodge dues. The amount paid out by the grand treasurer during the year for all purposes was thirty-four thousand seven hundred sixty-five dollars and thirty-four cents.

The returns from lodges show a net gain in membership during the year of six hundred forty-eight.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. Henry Branch, past senior grand warden, and consists of seventy-two pages. He says—

A few familiar names are missing, as their reports were not received at all, or too late for notice. * * * *

We are sorry to be obliged to conjecture that Illinois proceedings were either not received, or came to hand too late for treatment, as there is no review of Illinois.

No mention is made of the diplomatic circle, and it is to be presumed that it was not in evidence.

The next annual will be held in Baltimore November 21, 1916.

Grand Master, Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore; Grand Secretary, George Cook, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS—1915

265 Lodges 182nd Annual 70,147 Members

The volume containing the published proceedings of this grand lodge appeals alike to the artist, the antiquary, and the high brow.

To begin with it contains full page portraits of eleven illustrious brethren of the craft, some of them living, some deceased, from John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States at one time, and past grand master of Virginia, to Bro. Daniel Holinger, alleged to be the oldest living mason,

having been raised June 22, 1838, and being now past one hundred years of age. Among the number is the grand master in an imposing attitude, clad in the most ornate regalia, manufactured, as he said in London, and of similar materials, to that made for H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught. There are also cuts of two masonic temples, one at Wollaston, and one at Hadley Falls, and a group picture of the grand master, the other grand lodge officers, and many brethren, in the very act of laying the corner stone of a masonic temple at Salem. So far as appears from the countenances of the brethren in this group, they are not at all disturbed by the memory of witches, nor the prosecutions for witchcraft, that once pestered that town. Instead of the gorgeous head-piece belonging to his English regalia, the grand master is wearing in this group a decent silk hat, which strikes an ordinary Illinois mason as exactly the appropriate thing.

As an appeal to the antiquary, it contains among other curiosities, a forty-one page account of the suppression of the order of the temple.

As appealing to the high brow may be mentioned the post prandial oratory on the occasion of *''The Grand Feast,''* a learned disquisition on the causes of divergence in ritual, and a like learned report from a special committee tending to prove, to the satisfaction of the committee, that as a part of the furniture of a lodge, the old testament, the Koran, the Vedas, or the Zendavesta may, if necessary be substituted for the Bible.

Fifteen communications of the grand lodge are reported in the proceedings, to-wit: four quarterly communications held, respectively, on March 10, 1915; June 9, 1915; September 8, 1915 and December 8, 1915, a stated communication, called also, *''The Great Feast''* on December 28, 1915, all held in Boston, and ten special communications, held for divers purposes, in as many different towns. At every one of these meetings the grand master, Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, presided, save one special, over which the deputy grand master, Bro. Roscoe Pound presided. At each of the quarterly meetings held, the grand master delivered an address, reporting his official acts, and giving his views on a variety of topics. At the meeting held March 10th, he notes the death of the grand secretary, Bro. Thomas W. Davis, and Bro. Henry A. Belcher, past deputy grand master. At this meeting Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton was elected grand secretary, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Bro. Davis. Bro. Hamilton having been formerly elected deputy grand master, resigned that office in order to accept the office of grand secretary, and Bro. Roscoe Pound was designated as deputy grand master. It appears that hitherto this grand lodge has maintained an officer styled corresponding grand secretary, which for many years had been filled by Bro. Nickerson, and he having declined reappointment the grand master recommended that the office be abolished. After

consideration and report by a committee the office was abolished. The grand master followed this recommendation by saying—

Nearly every jurisdiction in this country, as well as most of those abroad has a committee on correspondence. * * * * Massachusetts never has had such a committee and many criticisms have been aimed at us on this account. Indeed a few committees on correspondence have been childish enough to say that they would no longer review the proceedings of Massachusetts inasmuch as Massachusetts did not review the proceedings of their jurisdictions. * * * *

In other words that they would deprive the brethren in their own jurisdictions of information concerning Massachusetts, though supplying as to the rest of the masonic world, simply because Massachusetts does not have the custom of printing a report from a committee on correspondence.

It is commendable and fine for people to entertain a good opinion of themselves, and a reasonable pride in the results of their own activities, but the self satisfied, not to saw arrogant, assumption of superiorty of Massachusetts freemasonry to that of the rest of the masonic world as gathered from the language of the grand master challenges attention. In his estimation, apparently, for the reviewer to leave Massachusetts out of his report would be a great deprivation to the masonic world, generally and to his own grand lodge in particular, but for the grand lodge of Massachusetts to refrain from publishing for the benefit of its constituency a review of the proceedings of other grand lodges is altogether different. Continuing the grand master says—

I am asking the same committee to consider the whole subject, reviewing the situation and advising the grand lodge whether in its opinion we should adopt the custom common to almost all other grand lodges, or whether we should proceed as we have heretofore in this connection.

The report of the committee on this matter, (with the appendix thereto,) fills fifteen closely printed pages, and the recommendation was to the effect that *WE* proceed as we have heretofore in this connection. The report was unanimously adopted. "Oh wad some power the giftie gie us," * * *

In the same address the grand master reports—

I have procured from the official manufacturers to the grand lodge of England a grand master's apron which is now worn for the first time. It is an exact duplicate of the apron worn by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, most worshipful grand master of the united grand lodge of ancient free and accepted masons of England, and by his predecessors for more than a century at least except the color of the border, lining, and strings which is purple, while the color used by our mother grand lodge is garter blue. Gauntlets for the grand master have been ordered, but not yet received.

No comments, and if any of the tribe of reviewers should be childish enough to say just what he thinks of all this, he ought to have charges preferred against him.

In the grand master's address delivered at the quarterly, held June 9, 1915, he mentions the death of Bro. Charles C. Hutchinson, past grand master, and brethren Eugene F. Endicott, Henry T. Crosby and Charles C. Henry, past deputy grand masters. He also announced the death of Bro. Robert Freke Gould of England, and gave an instructive sketch of his life. At this quarterly was delivered and in the proceedings published an address by Bro. Roscoe Pound, right worshipful deputy grand master, on "The Causes of Divergences in Ritual," which contains a great deal of information of the character that most of us have but little use for.

The application for fraternal recognition of "The Grande Loge Nationale" of France was laid before the grand lodge, and referred to the committee on foreign relations. After an exhaustive and somewhat tedious report the committee recommended adversely to recognition, and the report was concurred in by the grand lodge. This committee put the rest of us, having like duties to perform under obligations to it, by incorporating into its report the answers of the grand master of the national grand lodge of France to a series of interrogatories touching its claims to recognition by the masonic world. From these it appears, inter alia, that it has under its obedience three lodges, and not to exceed one hundred twenty-five members.

At this session the grand master reported the issuance of a dispensation to thirteen brethren, three of them Chinamen, to form a new lodge at Peking, China, under the name of International lodge.

At the quarterly of September 8, the grand master in his address delivered an exhaustive opinion on the subject of "Physical Qualifications" which the powers that be in many jurisdictions would do well to ponder. This is followed by his opinion of the exact page at which the Bible should be opened when the lodge is at labor on each of the degrees, severally, to-wit: when the lodge is open on the E. A. degree, at Psalm 133, or as an alternative, Ruth 4:7; when open on the F. C. degree at Judges 12:6, or at I Kings, 6:8, or 2 Chronicles 3:17, and when open on the M. M. degree at Ecclesiastes 12, 1-7 or as an alternative I Kings 7-13 and 14. A committee by him appointed decided at the same session that under certain circumstances the Koran might be substituted for the Bible, but no opinion is published, as to the place where the Koran should be open. At the quarterly held December 8, thirteen pages of the grand master's address are devoted to a presentation of the details of the somewhat noted McGrew matter. In the review of California this matter was marked for treatment, but was crowded out by other topics, and as it has turned out, it is well enough, for the case may now be treated from the accounts of both the grand jurisdictions concerned.

Bro. Gifford Horace Greeley McGrew, a member of a Massachusetts lodge, and at one time grand lecturer, was by action of the grand lodge of Massachusetts expelled in 1894. Subsequently he removed to Berkeley, Cal., where he lived an upright and exemplary life and was highly esteemed in that city. In 1904 he petitioned the grand lodge of Massachusetts for restoration, and appended to his petition a letter from the then grand master of California soliciting favorable action on said petition, and suggesting that the petitioner desired simply to be restored to good standing in the fraternity, in order to become eligible to petition a California lodge for membership. In response to this petition, the following reply was received in January, 1905, to-wit—

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Masonic Temple, Boston, January 18, 1905. To G. H. G. McGrew, Berkeley, California:

I am directed by Baalis Sanford Esq., grand master of masons in Massachusetts, to advise you that petition from you was presented at the quarterly communication of said grand lodge, held in September last, praying for your restoration to the rights and privileges of masonry. The petition was referred to a special committee, who reported at the quarterly communication of the grand lodge held in December last. After a full discussion it was decided that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

(Attest) Sereno D. Nickerson,
Recording Grand Secretary.

When this was received McGrew showed it to his masonic friends in Berkeley, (who desired him to affiliate with the lodge there,) who, being uncertain as to its sufficiency to render him eligible, exhibited it to, and counselled with a member of the then committee on masonic jurisprudence of California. It was by him construed as sufficient to warrant the local lodge in receiving his petition for membership, and in due and regular course he was elected to membership in Durant lodge, in Berkeley. In 1912, by some means, the attention of the grand lodge of Massachusetts was called to the fact that McGrew had been accepted as an affiliate of a California lodge, whereupon it declared itself to the masonic world, and called the grand lodge of California to account, because one of its lodges had elected to membership one who was under sentence of expulsion imposed by the grand lodge of Massachusetts. The grand lodge of California plead not guilty, and cited the document above quoted as showing that the petitioner had been given leave to withdraw before petitioning Durant lodge. The grand lodge of Massachusetts made replication, to the effect that it had simply given the petitioner leave to withdraw his petition for restoration. This was followed by further answer from California, and further replication from Massachusetts, * * * * by means whereof the matter was rehearsed to the masonic world. The matter was finally concluded, and the cause of friction between the two grand lodges abated by action of the grand lodge of Massachusetts, at the quarterly held December 8, 1915, when a resolution was presented by a special committee concluding

with the recommendation that Gifford Horace Greeley McGrew, expelled by the grand lodge in 1894, be restored to the rights and privileges of free-masonry. This was adopted by the grand lodge.

The brethren of Massachusetts were barely in time, for it appears that Bro. McGrew died in Berkeley, California, the same night. As one of the orators at the Grand Feast said—

Fortunately he did not die "without the pale."

Under the topic, "Charters," the grand master says—

The charter, or a copy thereof, certified, * * * * must be present in the room at all times when a masonic lodge is in session. This means its actual physical presence within the lodge room. Without such presence it is unlawful to conduct any masonic business or work.

It requires nine pages of the grand master's address in which to report the official visits by him made during the year, showing that he must have been very busy.

The returns from lodges show an apparent gain in membership during the year of two thousand three hundred fifty-three.

The masonic home at Charlton is well endowed, and apparently well conducted.

The number of "Residents" during the last year was from 44 to 49, and at time of the report of the superintendent was 53, and the cost of maintenance *per capita* was $386.02. For the purpose of insuring a sufficient supply of water, negotiations are pending for the purchase of a farm adjoining the home farm, and the grand master was ordered to have the title to the same examined, and if satisfactory the purchase will be made.

In the grand master's addresses are mentioned a number of bequests which make substantial additions to the permanent home fund.

The annual election of officers was held on the occasion of the fourth quarterly, and resulted in the re-election of Bro. Melvin M. Johnson as grand master, and Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton as grand secretary.

In closing his address at the fourth quarterly the grand master optimistically, and happily says—

Thus have we reviewed our activities of the past year. Now shall we turn our faces again to the East, peering over the horizon of present vision to catch the first rays of that radiant dawn which presages a brighter and better tomorrow.

As tending to show that Massachusetts is not the hindmost among grand lodges in the research and study aspects of masonry, as lately exhibited in the masonic world, the grand master announced that a series of lectures would be given in the spring of 1916, according to schedule. The course is to include lectures by brethren, Frederick W. Hamilton D. D.

L.L. D., grand secretary; Roscoe Pound, L.L. D., deputy grand master; W. R. Perry Bush, D. D., Fred W. Marble Phd., Emery B. Gibbs, and the grand master.

At "The Grand Feast" the four regular toasts, to-wit—

(1) To the memory of the Holy Saints John.

(2) To the memory of our Illustrious Brother, George Washington.

(3) To the memory of our departed Brethren; and

(4) To all the Fraternity, wheresoever dispersed upon the face of the earth; were all honored standing.

The tables were then cleared, and the grand master as toastmaster turned on the oratory, and a "Feast of reason, and flow of the soul" ensued. The published addresses delivered are generally of high character, and parts of them might well be reproduced, but space forbids.

Grand Master, Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, Cambridge; Grand Secretary, Frederick W. Hamilton, Boston.

MICHIGAN—1916.

436 Lodges 72nd Annual 82,551 Members

The attractive appearing volume of the proceedings of this grand lodge is highly embellished, containing, as it does a full page picture of the grand master, brother John H. Hawks, a group picture of eleven others of the grand lodge officers, a full page cut of the Masonic Infirmary at Alma, and like cuts of four masonic temples, located, respectively, at Grand Rapids, Coldwater, South Haven and Parma.

The annual meeting was held at Battle Creek, commencing May 23, 1916, and was opened in ample form, and presided over by brother George L. Lusk, grand master, all the other grand lodge officers being present. Fifteen past grand masters lent dignity to the occasion, and the representatives of fifty-one foreign grand bodies were in their places in the diplomatic circle, brother Arthur M. Hume the envoy of Illinois, of this number.

An address of welcome, tending to show, in felicitous language that, "There's a reason" why the session should convene in Battle Creek, were delivered by brethren J. J. Hooper and James W. Marsh, the latter being the Mayor of the city, and were responded to in kind by the grand master.

Brother Nat M. Washer, past grand Master of Texas, being present was introduced to the grand lodge, and delivered a short address, just before the grand lodge entered upon the business of the session.

The record shows that—

The grand secretary proceeded to call the Roll of Honor, which consists of those past grand masters of Michigan who are dead.

He next called the roll of—

Grand officers, past grand masters, members of standing committees, members of special committees, grand representatives of foreign jurisdictions, representatives of lodges, and visitors present and entitled to seats in grand lodge.

It would appear that a way might be discovered to dispense with this roll call.

The grand master's address fills 47 pages, treats of a variety of subjects and gives intimation of a busy year for the grand master.

With becoming expressions of sorrow, mention is made of the death during the year of brother William T. Mitchell, grand master in 1865.

Among the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions, mention is made of the passing brethren of Edward Cook and William H. Scott, past grand masters of Illinois.

The grand master reported the granting of four dispensations to form new lodges, the constituting of four new lodges, the laying of twelve corner stones, the dedication of five masonic temples and three masonic halls, and the granting of fourteen special dispensations for various purposes, for which fees were charged, such as to elect or install officers, or to confer degrees in less than lawful time, and the like. Special dispensations were issued also in forty-one other cases where no fee was charged.

Concerning the home the grand master says—

The grand master has attended nearly every meeting of the masonic home board during his incumbency. * * * * Your masonic home in all its material aspects is in first class condition. It is in a good state of repair, it is kept in the pink of condition, cleanly and wholesome, it is inviting and cheerful; it is in the best sense a home, with such surroundings, maintained to such a degree of excellence, it would appear that the per capita cost per resident of $4.71 a week is above criticism.

From the list of residents at the home, as published in the report of the trustees, it appears that on May 1, 1916, there were 86, men, 50, and women, 36, and as appears from the same report the running expenses of the home for the past year was, $30,179.31.

Under the topic "masonic charities," the grand master says—

It is with regret that I must call attention to the neglect of some lodges to meet obligations with other jurisdictions growing out of aid to members of Michigan lodges. * * * * I favor a law with the following substantial provisions: It is the duty of each lodge to take care of its own members in distress, wherever they may be. In case of its inability so to do, the duty devolves upon the grand lodge from which it holds its charter.

It being understood that in no case is the lodge furnishing relief, and asking for reimbursement, to go beyond actual necessities, and to produce evidence always of its endeavor to secure authority from the reimbursing body.

This portion of the address was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, and its report thereon, concurred in by the grand lodge, is as follows—

Any action taken by this grand lodge, * * * * would have to be by either an amendment, or an addition to grand lodge law. No such amendment or addition having been proposed, in accordance with the constitution of the grand lodge, no action can be taken at this annual communication.

The grand master has, apparently, been grievously tormented by a similar, if not the identical, bug which a year ago was after Bro. Jason Lewis, and which the committee on jurisprudence of the grand lodge of Illinois found no way of relief satisfactory to brother Lewis. Under the head of "side issues," the grand master says—

During my term my attention has been directed towards the operation of a new organization whose membership is based upon blue lodge affiliation. It has had a growth of considerable proportions in a limited number of our largest cities. I have frequently noticed references to it in the press, and its literature has come from time to time into my possession. I have knowledge of the character of its meetings, and social functions only by hearsay. Opinions have been frankly expressed to me by its members. * * * * My observation leads me to the conclusion that such organization, having the form of lodge systems, conducting ceremonies, street displays, giving much publicity to their gatherings,—all these under the guise of masonry and all connected therewith holding or receiving membership based on blue lodge affiliation are not for the highest good of the brethren themselves, or the institution we love and here represent. The blue lodge is the foundation stone on which all freemasonry is builded. It should not be made a stepping stone for unrecognized side issues. It is fundamental and inspirational, holding the germ of latent powers which should develop into something better. The time has come for the grand lodge to put a ban on this, or similar creations that are non-essential to masonry in its service of social progress and moral uplift. * * * *

This preachment was referred to the committee on jurisprudence where it was, wisely, put to sleep for the session. If, instead of suggesting the devising of ways and means to "put a ban on this or similar creations," the grand master had recommended that this, and all "side issues" be severely let alone, his suggestions would have merited a different response. The affairs of ancient craft masonry, the masonry of the ancient charges, which knows no distinctions save those of apprentice, fellow and master, and which constitutes not merely the foundation, but the entire fabric of masonry, are the business of lodges and grand lodges when assembled, and if properly attended to leave no time for regulating the affairs of side issues, or for attempting to segregate the good from the bad. As masons it does not belong to us to recognize anything as masonic except masonry, nor to put the ban on any organization, side issue or otherwise. If we

would always keep this in mind we should never hear in an assemblage of masons such expressions as "*foundation,*" "*stepping stone,*" or "*blue lodge,*" because they all belong to the vocabulary of what the grand master, not inaptly terms "side issues."

The grand master reported his attendance on the meeting of the Washington memorial association at Alexandria, Va., and is quite enthusiastic in commending this project.

Under the head of "new legislation submitted," the grand master says—

Among the varied matters that have been the subject of correspondence with the grand master, the one of physical qualifications is conspicuous. It would appear that lodges do not understand what the situation now is and it would be a good thing to present this vexed question in such clear legislation that all doubts will be disposed of on the subject.

An amendment was accordingly introduced as follows—

No lodge shall initiate, pass, or raise a candidate who lacks any qualification required of him by ancient usage and a master mason's obligation. (The candidate must be physically able to place himself in every position to receive and communicate the degrees.)

On recommendation of the committee on jurisprudence it was ordered that this amendment be referred to the new committee on jurisprudence, with directions to report at the next annual meeting.

The grand master's address closes with a regular stem-winder of a peroration, in which he uses rather effectively Mr. Kipling's "Recessional," and if the craft of Michigan should happen to forget, it will not be the fault of the grand master.

The grand secretary's report is well and methodically arranged. It shows the collection during the year of $55,505.84 of which the sum of $31,529.20 was *per capita* home funds, and $15,764.60 was *per capita* general fund.

The returns from lodges show a net gain in membership during the year of 3,694.

The grand secretary reported the receipt of a letter from a gentleman in Cleveland, O., executor of the last will and testament of one Moses I. Richards, inclosing what purports to be an address by Lewis Cass, first grand master of Michigan. It is said to be in the handwriting of the distinguished craftsman, and appears to have been by him delivered before the lodge at Zanesville, O., on December 27, 1810. This address is printed in full in the proceedings, and apart from its historical interest to the brethren of Michigan, is an oration of unusual merit. No adequate notion of this production can be given in the limited space permitted for this review. It should be read in its entirety, but as tending to show the

perennial and eternal character of the principles of masonry, and their adaptation to all times, and all conditions of society, and how even their elucidation of itself constitutes a beautiful prophecy, the following must be reproduced—

Come, enter with me the door of masonry. I stand as the herald at the porch of the temple to announce its beauties, and exhibit its glories. You will there find an order whose object is to curb intemperate passions, and to reconcile conflicting interests, to extend to nations those principles of humanity and benevolence which should actuate individuals. To destroy the pride of conquest and the pomp of war. To annihilate local prejudices and unreasonable partialities. To banish from the world every source of enmity and hostility, and to introduce those social feelings which are better calculated to preserve peace and good order than penal laws or political regulations. If these objects are of importance to humanity, then is this society important. If these blessings can be obtained in this imperfect state, then may we hope to attain them. If wisdom be desirable in your plans, strength in their foundation, and beauty in their execution, come to these pillars of wisdom strength and beauty and you may erect a temple more durable than heathen superstition ever dedicated to fear, and more useful than mistaken zeal ever devoted to piety. And with *hope* to discern, with *faith* to believe, and with *charity* to merit, you may look forward through the dim twilight of time, to that lodge not made with hands, where every upright mason may expect to find a leader and a friend. Where the doubts and difficulties which now obscure the moral firmament shall be lost in cloudless effulgence before Him, "Whose body is truth, and whose shadow is light. (Plato's fanciful but sublime description of the Supreme Being.)

The documentary evidence fad took concrete shape in the appointment of a committee on uniform receipt, which reported, recommending a form of receipt for dues in substance the same as that in vogue here in Illinois. These forms are to be furnished lodges by the grand secretary at cost.

An amendment of grand lodge by-laws regulating the granting of dimits was adopted. It provides that so long as a member of a Michigan lodge resides within the state he cannot dimit until he has produced a certificate of election to membership in some other lodge, when if he is not an elective officer of the lodge, or indebted to the lodge, a dimit is granted, and is transmitted to the lodge which has elected him to membership, and becomes operative only when he has signed the by-laws of said lodge. Those who have removed from the grand jurisdictions may obtain dimits as heretofore.

Bro. John H. Hawks was elected grand master, and Bro. Lou B. Winsor was re-elected grand secretary.

On report and recommendation of the committee on charters three new lodges were granted charters, and two were continued under dispensation.

The committee on appeals and grievances had a peculiar case to report. A member of a lodge had been charged with assaulting and striking

a master mason, had been regularly tried and found guilty,—but the lodge had refused to inflict any penalty. The grand master hearing of the matter visited the lodge, and after making personal investigation caused an appeal to be taken to the grand lodge. It transpired that this particular lodge votes by using white balls and black cubes, and the ballot box had been so rigged that the black cubes would not enter, nor could they be forced through the aperture, so that each member was forced to vote a white ball,—or at least none but white balls reached the place where they would be counted. The master of the lodge denied having anything to do with fixing the ballot box in this shape, but admitted that he knew of its being in that condition. On recommendation of the committee, the grand lodge ordered the suspension of the guilty brother for two years, the arrest of the charter for six months, and during the pleasure of the incoming grand master, and ordered that the offending master be placed upon trial for knowingly permitting a ballot box to be used, so constructed that only one kind of a vote could be cast.

With fervid and felicitous oratory, of rather a pathetic variety, the retiring grand master was presented with a past grand master's jewel, and apron, which said presentation was responded to by him in fitting terms.

The report on correspondence is by the grand secretary, Bro. Lou B. Winsor, and consists of three hundred and ten pages. In the introduction the brother quotes, presumably by way of explanation, from the by-laws, of his grand lodge the following—

The grand secretary shall also be ex-officio a committee on correspondence and it shall be his duty to examine the correspondence and reports from other grand jurisdictions, in correspondence with this grand lodge.

The committee shall refrain from criticism of such proceedings as well as promulgating the opinion of the committee, upon decisions, laws and regulations of this or any other grand lodge.

Criticism, in the sense of fault-finding and animadversion must be conceded to be in bad taste, but in the sense of judging and commending that which is consistent and becoming, and pointing out these matters which are unbecoming, would appear to be a part of the legitimate province of the reviewer. Brother Silas B. Wright of Florida, expresses, very conservatively the correct attitude of the reviewer. He says—

It will be remembered that there is a great difference of opinion as to the character and extent of the criticism and comment which a correspondent should make touching the doings of other grand lodges. * * * * As a rule, all the really prominent masonic jurists, like Drummond of Maine; Robbins of Illinois; Cunningham of Ohio; and Parvin of Iowa, all deceased, with many others who were commanding figures in the masonic world, and who were correspondents, all expressed opinions in commenting upon what they found in the proceedings and doings of other grand bodies. Much of the law of today comes from their comments and opinions thus expressed. The writer of this is of the opinion that the correct position is undoubtedly a middle course. While it is a fact that information and not

opinion is desired, yet accurate information is only to be had by reasonable discussion, but comment and criticism should be divested of everything of a personal nature.

Brother Winsor's treatment of the proceedings of Illinois is cordial and considerate. He mentions the fact that the session for 1915 was opened and presided over by brother Burnap, grand master, and adds—

And his genial countenance beams upon us from the frontispiece of the proceedings.

He quotes a full page from the exordium of brother Burnap's annual report; notices the acquisition by gift from the grand chapter of 200 acres of land adjoining the home; quotes in full, (Whereas, and all) the resolutions, report of the committee on jurisprudence and action of the grand lodge in the matter of "meetings as being under the direction of, brethren belonging to some particular business, profession or calling, and having the ritualistic work to be done by members of such business, profession or calling." He mentions the report of Bro. Wheeler of the meeting of the Masonic Relief Association, and quotes a page from said report. He makes mention of the presenting of representatives of foreign grand lodges, which included Bro. Joseph E. Dyas, representative of the grand lodge of Michigan, and reproduces in full brother Owen Scott's response on behalf of the ambassadors.

He reproduces in full Bro. Wheeler's address, made upon installation, and the report of the finance committee, acceding to his suggestion in appropriating funds for the expenses of the advisory board.

Of the review, he says—

Bro. Owen Scott again submits the report on fraternal correspondence.

He gives a "preview" to his report, in which he starts out as follows—whereupon he quotes a page from what brother Scott says. In particular noting the views of brother Scott, on the action of the grand lodge of England in excluding from its lodges, during the continuance of the war, members of German, Hungarian, Austrian or Turkish birth.

He reproduces, (without comment, of course,) brother Scott's criticisms on the practice and policy of requiring a separate ballot for each of the three degrees, and a group picture which was in the proceedings for 1915. The picture is described by brother Scott as follows—

A page group picture is inserted with the grand master in the center. On his right hand is the M. I. grand master, R. S. M.; on the left the grand high priest, R. A. M.; behind him standing the grand patron, O. E. S. and the grand commander K. T. If this is not mixing things, what is it?

If brother Winsor dared to talk back, it might be suggested that the intimations to which this picture, in the printed proceedings of the grand lodge give warrant, afford some explanation of the grand master's desire

to have a rule established by law whereby good "side issues" can be separated from the objectional kind.

The next annual will be held at Lansing, May 22, 1917.

Bro. JOHN H. HAWKS, Grand Master, Lansing; Bro. LOU B. WINSOR, Grand Secretary, Reed City.

MINNESOTA—1916

260 LODGES 63RD ANNUAL 31,903 MEMBERS

The published proceedings of the grand lodge of Minnesota is adorned by a full tone picture of the retiring grand master, Bro. Harry M. Burnham, and is a well printed volume of over six hundred pages, containing a record of the transactions of the grand lodge, a report on correspondence, and a voluminous report of the annual meeting of the masonic veteran's association.

The annual communication of the grand lodge was held at St. Paul, January 19, 1916, and was opened in ample form, and presided over by the grand master, assisted by all the other grand lodge officers, except the grand sword bearer. To lend dignity to the occasion sixteen past grand masters were in attendance, also; the representatives of forty-six foreign grand lodges, Bro. A. T. Steffins, the envoy from Illinois, being of this number.

The grand master's address fills twenty-one pages, and contains an account of his official acts and doings during the year.

With appropriate expressions of sorrow he notes the decease, during the year of several brethren of local prominence, none of whom, however were of the immediate family of the grand lodge.

He reports the constituting of three new lodges,—all by proxy, and the issuance of five dispensations for new lodges.

He reports the laying with masonic ceremonies of the corner stone of the new masonic temple being erected by Mizpah lodge, at South St. Paul, and the dedication of a new hall at Willmar. He reported having visited ten of the lodges during the year and says—

Owing to the pressure of business and the enormous amount of correspondence connected with the office, to my own personal regret, my visitations have been somewhat limited.

Concerning schools, the grand master says—

I regret to report that in only one district has a school of instruction been held during the recess of the grand lodge. * * * *

The school was held on November 26th, and 27th. It was well attended, there being seven lodges represented, and from all reports I am fully convinced that the instruction was needed and that much good will result from it.

The grand master reports two decisions during the year, to-wit—

1. A lodge under dispensation has the same territorial jurisdiction as a chartered lodge.

2. A lodge which has illegally given a candidate all the degrees must at once pay over to the lodge whose jurisdiction is invaded all the fees received on account thereof, and furnish the candidate if he has been without fault with a certificate stating the facts. Such candidate may upon such certificate file his petition for membership as a non-affiliate with any lodge, anywhere.

The grand master says—

While I have been called upon to answer numerous questions during the year, in nearly every instance they required merely an interpretation of the law, and were readily answered by referring to, or quoting sections from the new code.

The grand master reported attendance upon the meeting of the Washington memorial association,—by proxy.

Concerning the masonic home, the grand master says—

I earnestly and fraternally commend this great masonic charity to the brethren throughout this grand jurisdiction, and sincerely urge them to do something to bring about an early realization of our hopes. * * * * I understand that it is the intention of the board of directors of the home to make a strenuous effort to raise a sufficient sum during the present year to increase the fund to the amount required by the grand lodge before the home can be erected. I earnestly urge the brethren to give all necessary assistance to accomplish this result.

Under the topic "Recommendations," the grand master says—

It has been forcibly impressed upon me during my year of office that many masters show a woeful lack of knowledge of the laws and regulations. There is no reasonable excuse for this, as each lodge is furnished with a copy of the masonic code and those who aspire to office should at least familiarize themselves with the fundamental laws of the institution. * * * * I recommend that some action be taken by this grand lodge to ascertain and certify, before installing officers elect, that they are competent to discharge the duties of their office. This is now done in case of lodges under dispensation, and it seems to me more important, if possible, in the case of established lodges. * * * *

Minnesota still preserves the archaism of the past masters' degree, and the grand master recommended that—

The ritual of the degree of past master as prepared by the board of custodians be printed, either in cipher or in such form as they may decide upon, and that one copy be placed in charge of the master of each lodge, he to turn the same over to his successor in office.

These recommendations were referred to a special committee, with directions to report at the next annual.

An amendment of the code was proposed providing that in lodges having a large membership, when charges are preferred, the accused should be tried by a jury selected from the members of the lodges. It appears that under their code practice heretofore the question of guilt or innocence has been determined by call of the roll of all the members, and in the large lodges much time is necessarily consumed in calling the roll.

The proposed amendment was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, which reported, in effect confessing the infirmity of the present method of calling the roll, but not agreeing to the jury plan proposed, and in lieu thereof recommended that the code be so amended as to provide that the question of guilt, and the punishment inflicted should be determined by means of paper ballots,—the method commonly in use. This recommendation was concurred in, and adopted by the grand lodge.

From the report of the grand secretary it appears that the net gain in membership during the year was fourteen hundred sixty-one.

In the report of the committee on necrology announcement is made of the death of Bro. Edward Cook, past most worshipful grand master of Illinois.

From the report of the masonic home association the following is extracted—

The accumulation of the fund of $100,000.00 necessary for the accomplishment of this enterprise goes steadily on, and we find that the amount set apart for this purpose in the various organizations exceeds the sum of $65,000.00—including installments due upon subscriptions, and estimated value of land donated to the association at $1,000.00. * * * * One of the most serious obstacles in the way of raising funds for this purpose has been the repeated and persistent claims made by certain brothers who are not in sympathy with this movement that the expenses of maintenance in a home of this character are greatly in excess of any other method, in fact, greater than the cost of board in a first class hotel. * * * *

We have secured reports from 28 masonic homes in the United States —a few of them not official—and from the data gathered from these reports we find that the average cost of maintenance in these institutions is $200.62 per annum, or a little less than four dollars per week. It is the great desire and wish of the board of trustees to raise the remainder of the amount necessary for the building of the home within the next year. * * * *

What we need is a live wire in each lodge, and energetic personal work among its members, and the deed will be accomplished. * * * *

On the afternoon of the second day of the session the annual election of grand lodge officers occurred, resulting in the election of Bro.

Alfred G. Pinkham as grand master, and the re-election of Bro. John Fishel as grand secretary.

On the afternoon of the first day of the session an oration of unusual merit was delivered by Bro. John F. D. Meighen, grand orator.

His deliverance is grounded on an oriental fable, and the moral he educes is "They are not wise who only know."

Elucidating, he says—

You and I have had unfolded to us the great moral teachings, the symbolism, the inspiring ceremonials of freemasonry. We know its learning—the lectures of the degrees, the charges to candidates; the words of admonition at the installations, the last sad words spoken at the grave,—all these are words of wisdom. But are we wise if we only know? Can any man point his finger at one of us and say he knows freemasonry, but he is not a mason? Some of us have traveled to the old city of Jerusalem, to the dome of the rock of Mt. Moriah, and viewed the mighty stones of the Jewish wailing place outside of the temple area, and the beautiful mosque of Omar whose proud dome stands where the buildings of Solomon once stood: of the temple of Ezra, which followed it; of the mighty temple of Herod which stood there in the days of the New Testament; of the temple of Jupiter upon that same site in later centuries, but all these were as nothing compared with the legend of the builder, the widow's son who lost his life in the defense of his integrity, who not only knew, but acted upon the knowledge. * * * *

Each year as we gather at this grand lodge session we pause and listen in reverent silence to the roll of our distinguished dead. How do we measure these lives to-day? Is it by the money that they made; the positions of honor that they held; by the creeds to which they subscribed; the beliefs they professed, or the churches they attended? We treasure their memory in proportion to the love and service which they gave those around them. We measure them by what they did for their fellowmen, by the kindly word, by the big brother spirit. * * * *

The masonic order is not a church, although the Holy Bible is ever on our altar. It is not a system of religion, although it teaches the reverential awe which is due from the creature to his Creator. * * * *

It is not a political organization, although it insists that we be true to our government and just to our country. It is not an insurance society although it endeavors to afford timely relief to misfortune and distress nor is it a charitable organization, although it enjoins charity, not alone the charity of alms, but the charity that speaks no unkind word, harbors no evil thoughts, bears no malice or revenge, which nurtures, loves and protects, which condones, forgives and forgets.

Other portions of this oration might well be quoted, but space forbids.

There is a brief report on foreign correspondence, subscribed by Bro. Irving Todd, consisting of seventy-three pages. He devotes one page to Illinois, 1915, noting that the annual report of the grand master, Burnap, "was a comprehensive review of the transactions of the year;" also, notes the report of our committee on music; the donation of two

hundred acres of land; the acceptance of the picture of the famous mare owned by Robert Miller; and makes kindly and fraternal reference to the report on correspondence by Bro. Owen Scott.

There is also printed in the volume of proceedings as heretofore stated, an account of the twenty-fourth annual re-union of the masonic veteran association of Minnesota, with a roster of its officers and members. Besides the routine reports, action on petitions for membership, etc., the minutes are interspersed with some high class oratory, and passable poetry. The association appears to have six hundred thirty-eight members.

The next annual will be held at St. Paul January 17, 1917.

Alfred G. Pinkham, Grand Master, St. Paul; John Fishel, Grand Secretary, St. Paul.

MISSISSIPPI—1916

374 Lodges 98th Annual 20,334 Members

The attractive appearing, well printed volume containing the published proceedings of this grand lodge is rather profusely ornamented, containing as it does full page portraits of the grand master, Bro. Geo. B. Power, the retiring grand master, Bro. Jesse M. Brooks, past grand master, John Young Murry, (deceased) past grand master, J. Rice Williams, and Bro. Allen M. Hicks, (deceased) past grand lecturer, and honorary past grand master, and a group picture of thirteen brethren, all past grand masters of Mississippi.

The annual grand communication was held at Greenville, February 15, 1916, and was opened in ample form, and presided over by the grand master, Bro. Jesse M. Brooks, assisted by other grand lodge officers, all of whom were in their places, respectively.

Before opening the grand lodge, however, an elaborate programme was rendered consisting of music, and oratory, galore,—an address of welcome on behalf of the masons of Greenville by Bro. C. H. West, past master, and an address of welcome by Bro. E. G. Ham, mayor of the city. To complete the programme, and furnish the climax for this happy occasion, a gavel was presented to the grand master by Mrs. Lottie M. Armstead, past grand matron of the O.E.S. Her presentation speech is printed in the proceedings, and is deemed so felicitous that it must be reproduced,—

with apologies to Bro. J. Henry William, past grand master of Pennsylvania. She said—

> We see you here today—a splendid band:
> And as you clasp each other—hand in hand,
> The touch electric thrills throughout the land;

And as this sentient hour is freighted with happiness for me also because you are here, in expression thereof, most worshipful sir, may I have the privilege and pleasure of presenting, for your gracious acceptance, and through you to the masonic grand lodge this gavel—the emblem of the power with which you are so worthily vested. Within your tiled halls each symbolic design is clothed with special virtue and grace,—jewels surpassing in value the traditional King's ransom, and as the lodge is an example of that ancient Temple within the sacred city on Mount Moriah's height, each member representing a stone therein, so, by the influence of the gavel, is emphasized those large beatitudes inculcated by the precepts of your glorious fraternity, even, as in the operative art a similar Hiram polished the stones, fitting them for utiltarian purposes in the builder's motif. The material from which this emblem is carved, is a product of the Orient, its enduring quality symbolizes the everlasting principles of free masonry and the gavel whose clear summons no one may disregard;

> Should symbol Life's great duty to so keep watch and ward
> That when, for us earth's meetings shall close,
> And angel hands for us shall sound the gavel,
> That breaks our fettering bands,—
> We hear serenely trustful—the call none disobeys,
> And with our faith triumphant, pass on eternal ways.

And now, dear friend and grand master, receive this token for yourself, and your associates, with my tender and abiding interest for you and each one—the noblest and truest men in all the world—the masons of Mississippi.

There were present at the opening of the grand lodge seventeen past grand masters, and the ambassadors from thirty-one foreign grand lodges, Bro. John S. Brooks the representative of Illinois, being in his place. The grand master's address is short, and succinct, but is a well written account of his official acts during the year. With proper expressions of sorrow he mentions the death, during the year of Bro. John Young Murry, past grand master, and Bro. Allen M. Hicks, grand lecturer, and honorary past grand master. Among the illustrious dead of other grand jurisdictions he mentions the passing of our past grand master, Bro. Edward Cook. He reports the constituting of six lodges,—all by proxy,—and the granting of five dispensations for new lodges, and the arrest of one charter. He notes the laying of four cornerstones. Of the masonic home, he says—

> Too much cannot be said in commendation of those of our brethren in charge of the masonic home. The management is well organized, * * * * I visited the home several times during the year, and can say in all sincerity that it is an institution of which every mason in the state may well be proud.

It appears elsewhere in the proceedings that there were in the home, which is at Meridian, on January 1, 1916, 119 children, and that the total sum raised during the year of the home fund was $31,183.38 of which the sum of $23,500.00 was from the grand lodge funds, and the balance from various other sources. On recommendation of the board of managers, the grand lodge fixed the per capita tax for support of the home at one dollar for each affiliated master mason. The board of managers take occasion to commend the O.E.S., the royal arch masons, and other bodies for their munificence in contributing to the support of the home.

The grand master reports no decisions rendered, but says—

Numerous questions have been referred to me during the year, but as practically all said questions had been previously settled by previous decisions of the grand lodge, I merely quoted the law as I understood it in reply to those questions. * * * *

The grand master, apparently, does not believe in granting special dispensations, and was very sparing in the exercise of this prerogative.

He did, however, grant one dispensation to install lodge officers at a different time to that prescribed by the by-laws, and two to confer degrees out of time on candidates obliged to leave the state on military service. Under the topic "schools of instruction," he reports—

I have for some years been in close touch with the work done by the grand lecturer and the district deputy grand lecturers, in the masonic schools of instruction, and I visited all such schools held during the year except two. As a result of the efforts made in these schools and of the work done by the brethren who go out from them, there is a greater degree of uniformity in the masonic ritual, and a greater number of proficient ritualists in the state today than ever before, and I believe that the excellent progress made by freemasonry in Mississippi within the last few years is largely attributable to these schools.

The report of the grand secretary is quite complete and methodical, both as to finances and statistics. He reports the collection of $15,672.71 from lodges for the general fund, and $21,709.00 for the home fund. His statistical report shows a net gain in membership during the year of 261. The labors of our good brethren of Mississippi were much disturbed, as would appear by the ghost of Prince Hall, or else they are apprehensive that some member of the lodge in Scotland in which the notorious "Jack" Johnson was initiated, may present themselves as visitors to some Mississippi lodge. It is understood that Mississippi is a prohibition state, so that it is all but impossible that any article of diet obtained in Greenville could have put the brethren in shape to see things. Whatever may have been the moving cause, after two robust *whereases,* and one stock *therefore,* the following resolution was adopted, namely—

Be it therefore resolved—

That no mason in this grand jurisdiction may affiliate with, or hold masonic intercourse with any mason of any other grand jurisdiction who is

an affiliate of a subordinate lodge in such grand jurisdiction, among the membership of which subordinate lodge, there are negroes, or a negro.

Up to the present writing, this non-intercourse resolution affects no lodge, under the obedience of the grand lodge of Illinois, and hence we say, "Let the galled jade wince, our withers are unwrung." No negro is likely to become a member of any Illinois lodge in the near future, but it is to be hoped that if any shall apply to Illinois lodges, the *question of fitness will control,* rather than "the accident of birth," as the late John P. Altgeld called it. It is by the grace of God, *only,* that the right worshipful committee on law, themselves, on whose recommendation the above resolution was adopted, are not the offspring of digger Indian squaws, instead of christian white mothers.

An amendment to the rules and regulations was proposed and laid over till next year for action, which strikes one as rather a stringent remedy for non-affiliation. It provides, *inter alia,* that—

No member shall be permitted to dimit from the lodge of which he is a member until he shall present a certificate from some warranted lodge that he has petitioned for membership therein.

Upon presentation of such certificate, and upon the written request of the brother, the lodge at a stated communication shall, if the member is not an elected officer of, or indebted to the lodge, or under charges, issue a certificate of dimit, which shall not be delivered to the brother but shall be transmitted by the secretary of the lodge to the lodge from which such certificate or petition came; which dimit shall not become operative, or the brother's membership in the lodge issuing the dimit terminated, until the brother has consummated membership in the other lodge; provided that when any member shall be or become a resident of another grand lodge jurisdiction, a dimit may be granted to him direct and without compliance with the foregoing provisions.

All of us must appreciate the evils incident to the disease of non-affiliation, and deplore the conditions which suggest efforts at legislation like this proposed amendment, but if the weight of opinion of the most experienced masonic jurists counts for anything, the employment of *force* as a cure, or as a preventative, is, to say the least of it,—of doubtful expediency.

There is a fine report of the committee on necrology, supplemented by several addresses eulogizing their honored and beloved past grand master, Dr. John Young Murry, deceased.

The grand lodge has had a suit for the recovery of certain real estate in Vicksburg, formerly the hall of Vicksburg lodge No. 26, now defunct. After the arrest of the charter of said lodge the effort was made to convey the property, and the grand lodge was obliged to institute a suit for the enforcement of its right of succession pursuant to its laws. The decree of the court, and the opinion of the chancellor are both printed in full in the

proceedings. From these it appears that the questions of the right of the grand lodge as the successor of the defunct lodge, and the legality of its action in arresting the charter of Vicksburg lodge No. 26 were by the pleadings presented to the chancellor, and were both decided favorably to the grand lodge.

The election resulted in the choice of Bro. George Boyd Power for grand master, and Bro. Frederic Gordon Speed for grand secretary.

There is an excellent report on foreign correspondence from the pen of Bro. Harry Howard, past grand master, which fills one hundred thirty-two pages, four of which are devoted to a review of Illinois for 1914. He refers to what is said in the report of the grand master concerning grand lecturers and schools; also, concerning hasty initiations; funeral ceremony in cases of cremation; Sabbath desecration; and the report of the committee on music. Anent the last named topic he is pleased to say; Illinois has accepted the fad of music during the work of the degrees, and has adopted some thirty selections, with the understanding that any or all may be eliminated at the discretion of the master.

He quotes from the preface to Bro. Owen Scott's report on correspondence, what is therein said concerning masonry and the European war, and making masons at sight.

The next annual will be held at Jackson, February 13, 1917.

Bro. George Boyd Power, M.W. Grand Master, Jackson; Bro. Frederic Gordon Speed, R.W. Grand Secretary, Vicksburg.

MISSOURI—1915

639 Lodges | 95th Annual | 63,966 Members

The voluminous volume containing the record of this grand lodge is embellished by a fine picture of the retiring grand master, brother Tolman W. Cotton.

The annual meeting was held in St. Louis, commencing on September 28, 1915, and was opened by the grand master, the other grand lodge officers being in their respective stations. An address of welcome was delivered to the grand lodge by Mayor Kiel, and was responded to, on behalf of the grand lodge by past grand master Boyd. The occasion was enlivened further by a concert according to a programme, rendered by the Moolah Orchestra.

The grand master's address, contains a brief recital of his official acts during the year. He notes the laying of eighteen corner stones, nine by his proxy, and nine by himself in person. Among the latter was that of the new State Capitol at Jefferson City, which is being erected at a cost of three and one half millions of dollars, the corner stone of which was laid June 24th, 1915, in ample form, and with much oratory.

The grand master reports eight decisions, most of them construing local laws and regulations—"Liquor"—and otherwise.

In No. 5 he decided that the proprietors of a groceries, fruit and wine company, selling intoxicating liquors in original packages for family use, are ineligible for the degrees under their law.

In No. 3 he decided the following—

Is a traveling actor, who with his family spends about nine months of each year on the road, going from state to state, and even to foreign countries, but claiming a Missouri town in which he remains during his vacation as his home, eligible for the degrees of freemasonry?

A. The provisions of section 113 grand lodge by-laws appear to preclude this class of applicants, and we believe wisely so; however, in view of the decision rendered by the grand lodge in 1914, the conditions being very similar, we decided he can.

This decision coming before the committee on jurisprudence, was reported to the grand lodge with its disapproval; the committee saying that the decision is at variance with the law, but in accord with the latest decision of the grand lodge, the committee emphasizing the fact that the grand lodge had formerly decided the same question in the opposite manner, and that the former decision was in accord with the law as it appears in the code. The grand lodge then sustained the report of the committee. All the other decisions of the grand master passed muster.

The grand master makes mention of his attendance on the meeting of the George Washington memorial association in Alexandria lodge No. 22, and expresses his belief that the erection of a temple commemorative of the virtues of the "Father of his Country," by the fraternity is a very deserving and commendable undertaking.

The affairs of the home occupied much of the time and attention of the grand lodge. The new administration building on the home grounds was dedicated with imposing ceremonies, and profuse oratory, participated in by members of the grand lodge, and the worthy grand matron of the O. E. S. the members of the latter grand body having furnished the new building throughout in an elegant, not to say sumptuous manner.

An amendment to the grand lodge by-laws was passed, requiring the annual payment from lodges, in future as dues, of one dollar and seventy-five cents for each member, one dollar and twenty-five cents of which is to go to the maintenance and improvement of the home. Past grand master

Kuhn speaking of this amendment when it was upon its passage made such a stirring appeal in behalf of the home as to captivate entirely the members of the grand lodge, and the amendment not only went through, but the grand lodge ordered that his speech be printed in full in the proceedings.

For the purpose of giving a slight idea of the character of his oratory, and for the information it contains, the following extract from his speech is given—

Brethren, out on Delmar avenue in this city, stands our Sancta Sophia, our Divine Logos, our Sacred Name—The Master's Word,—our masonic Home. Promptings of sacred origin, aye, the whisperings of an angel's voice in the hearts of the freemasons of Missouri, gave the plan for the inception and building of our masonic home. The promptings of our better selves, the nobler impulses of our hearts spring from angelic voices, speaking to us. Our Sancta Sophia has been in process of building for several years: it is still building by you the master man, the master mason: possibly you have heard celestial music, as the builders of old to cheer you and stimulate you in your labors. You heard yesterday morning on this platform, as those ninety-one children of our home, with voice and instrument, brought to you and to me celestial music to incite us to our building. We have brought from all parts of the State the silver and gold for our cathedral. It has our labor, our prayers and our tears. It does not contain columns of Pyrian marble, but it contains today one hundred and sixty pillars of old men and women,—columns that have been storm-tossed, riven and scarred by the conflicts of a cold world. We have taken them from the homeless and waste places of earth, and transplanted them into our Sancta Sophia. There they stand, old, decrepit,—but majestic in decay. You have not ornamented our Sancta Sophia with diamonds, rubies, amethysts and pearls, but you have adorned it with the most priceless jewels on earth,—the boys and girls of master masons.

Upon recommendation of the committee on lodges U. D. it was ordered that charters issue to five new lodges.

It requires fifteen pages to contain the report of the committee on appeals and grievances, there having been sixteen cases before the committee. The report contains the syllabus of each case, with the findings of the committee in full, names, and all. The returns from lodges show a net gain in membership during the year of 2,269.

The report of correspondence is by Rev. C. C. Woods, past grand master, and is prepared with discrimination. He notices our celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of our grand lodge, and quotes from the addresses of Bro. Goddard and Bro. Scott on that occasion.

He says that Bro. Burnap presented a most excellent address.

Quotes from what is therein said concerning the European war, the George Washington memorial association, grand masters' conference, Sabbath desecration, and cremation. He says that right worshipful Bro. Cutter is a great secretary, and the grand correspondent (Bro. Scott) is no less worthy. He says, further—

The grand correspondent never fails in his use of a pen and the present effort is no exception to the rule.

He makes use of Bro. Scott's statistical table and quotes from his introductory remarks in his report for 1914.

An interesting feature of the book of proceedings of this grand lodge is a historical sketch of the retiring grand master, Bro. Tolman W. Cotton.

Grand Master, FRANK R. JESSEE, Webster Grove; Grand Secretary, JOHN R. PARSON, St. Louis.

MONTANA—1915

95 LODGES 51ST ANNUAL 8,979 MEMBERS

The volume containing the proceedings of this grand lodge is well printed and attractive in appearance, and is adorned by the portrait of the retiring grand master, Lewis A. Smith.

The annual communication was held at Great Falls, September 15, 1915, and was opened in ample form by the grand master, all the other officers being in their stations. Eleven past grand masters were present, and the representatives of fifteen foreign grand lodges were in the diplomatic circle, the envoy from Illinois, Bro. O. F. Wasmansdorff, being of this number. The annual address of the grand master fills fifty-three pages, and gives a full account in detail of his official acts during the year.

He reports the constituting of five new lodges, three in person and two by proxy, and the issuing of eight dispensations for new lodges.

He notes the official visitation of thirty lodges, and the laying of four corner stones. He reports the granting of four special dispensations, and the refusal to grant six. Among the latter is the following—

1. Columbia Falls lodge No. 89 asked for a dispensation to confer the second half of the master mason's degree on a brother by observation, the brother having a weak heart, and having fainted at the altar, necessitating a postponement of the remainder of the degree. I refused the dispensation, and advised the brethren to handle the brother with gloves, —"*soft gloves.*"

The grand master reports twelve decisions rendered, most of them construing their laws, and none of them of great interest, except to those immediately concerned. One of his decisions is as follows—

No. 3. I was asked whether an entered apprentice, who had since his initiation been elected to and accepted the position of secretary and treasurer of a brewing company was thereby disqualified to receive the degrees of fellow craft and master mason.

Held that he was not.

Another decision is as follows—

No. 2. I was asked whether the master of a newly constituted lodge who had been installed as such at the constituting of his lodge, and who had been elected at the first election of the lodge under the charter, to succeed himself as master, would have to be again installed.

The grand master held that it was not necessary.

On this decision the committee on jurisprudence reversed the grand master saying—

We cannot give our approval to decision number two. The language of * * * * the code is plain. All officers must be installed on the evening of election, or as soon thereafter as convenient.

They correctly held that this rule admits of no exception. The report of the committee was approved.

The grand master recommended the adoption of a resolution prohibiting lodges from meeting in any building that is being used in part for saloon purposes, and as an object lesson supporting his recommendation makes use of a photographic copy of a sign which he says is used by the proprietor of a saloon in the masonic temple at Chicago, as follows—

"Masonic Temple Buffet
Brook Hill Whiskies"

For the benefit of the grand master it may be observed that neither the grand lodge of Illinois, nor any lodge under its obedience, has any connection with the ownership or management of the building at the corner of State and Randolph streets, in Chicago, and just how it happens to be called masonic temple has never been explained. There are in the building several apartments suitably equipped for lodge rooms, which are leased to lodges and other bodies. The writer wishes further to remark that during the last twenty years he has visited a number of lodges whose place of meeting is in this building, but that he never saw the sign mentioned, nor any sign of that nature. It may be there,—but if so, it is strange that none of the brethren visited called attention to it.

The committee on jurisprudence did not concur in this recommendation, and no such resolution was offered.

The grand master also recommended the passage of a resolution prohibiting smoking in lodges during the conferring of degrees. The committee concurred in this recommendation, and the following was adopted—

Resolved: That this grand lodge forbid smoking in its constituent lodges during the conferring of degrees.

The grand master mentions the receipt of a request from the grand master of New York, to be addressed to the lodges of his jurisdiction that prayer be addressed to the Great Architect of the Universe that war shall

speedily cease, and inclosing a form for that purpose. The grand master says—

While I am a firm believer in the efficacy of prayer, yet being of the opinion that the Grand Master of the Universe would act in this matter if he deemed it wise to do so, without waiting to hear from us, I did not enter into the spirit of the occasion. * * * *

The grand master further reports:

There has also come to me from the Fourth Light, a masonic publication, * * * * a request that each lodge in our jurisdiction protest to the rulers of the warring nations to end the war, and submitting a form of protest for our use. Being of the opinion that this would avail us naught, even though the protest should get past the censors, I deem it useless to enter into the idea. However, if any of our constituent lodges are of a different opinion on this subject, there is yet time for both prayer and protest.

The returns from lodges show a net gain in membership during the year of seven hundred forty-four. A complete roster of the members of the lodges is printed in the proceedings, requiring 162 pages for names only.

From the report of the trustees of the masonic home it appears that—

During the year the internal affairs of the home have gone along comparatively smoothly. Three of our members have died, and two brethren and two ladies of the Eastern Star have been admitted. We were compelled in the interests of peace and comfort of those at the home to request the withdrawal of one of the members. * * * * There have been at the Home an average of twelve members. For the care of those at the Home we have expended $4,237.92, or an average of about $350.00 per member.

It is presumed that in the management of the Home, the brethren of Montana have concluded "That it is not good that the man should be alone," as the following resolution was adopted, namely—

Resolved: That upon request and recommendation of the order of the Eastern Star the most worshipful grand master may appoint three lady members of that order as an advisory committee to act in conjunction with the board of trustees of the masonic home in the conduct of the internal affairs of the Home.

At an evening session of the grand lodge the Great Falls masonic temple was dedicated, the ceremonies being accompanied by impressive and inspiring exercises, and including orations by most worshipful Bro. E. C. Day and most worshipful Bro. H. S. Hepner, both of which are printed in the proceedings, and are well worth the reading.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. H. S. Hepner, past grand master and consists of two hundred and nine well written pages. He devotes eleven pages to Illinois, (1914) noting the celebration of our seventy-fifth anniversary, and the addresses of brethren Goddard, Scott, Bell, and Wright, and reproduces a great part of the address of the last named. He quotes quite fully the opening remarks of Bro. Burnap in the grand master's report, notes what is said in the report concerning the Washington memorial

association, grand masters conference at St. Louis, bequests to the grand lodge for the project for revising and publishing the works of Bro. Joseph Robbins, deceased, also what is therein reported as to efforts to obtain autobiographies of grand lodge officers.

He reproduces, almost in its entirety, the report of the committee on music and says anent the same—

We print the above believing that it may be of interest to many of our lodges.

Of the report of the committee on obituaries, he says—

A magnificent report of the committee on obituaries was presented, and with our usual favoritism for beautiful sentences we beg the indulgence of reprinting a portion thereof, and quotes all the introductory part of the report.

He falls into a curious error, as appears from the following—

The grand representatives were duly received and accorded grand honors, and Bro. Goddard responded for them, so that we find that Bro. Goddard is speaking for the grand lodge when he welcomed them, and then also represented the outsiders on this occasion. He is an eloquent speaker and we forgive him, and it reminds us of one of our past grand masters, being invited to visit one of our small lodges and help them with the work in conferring the third degree in which the officers claimed to be very rusty, and in the course of the labors he was compelled to take the part of K. S. and all of the three J's.

Inasmuch as this inadvertence gives our brother a good chance to tell his story, which is a good one, we pardon it, and take occasion to observe that if any man living could present himself, with the other representatives of foreign grand lodges, and then follow it up by responding for himself, with the other representatives, gracefully, and in appropriate terms, that man is Bro. Goddard, and further, were it necessary he could in a pinch, personate K. S. and the three J's all in the same act.

However on the occasion referred to here is what our record shows, commencing on page 199, the grand secretary called the roll and the grand master presented and introduced representatives of other grand lodges near the grand lodge of Illinois. They were accorded grand honors. Then follows the list of names of representatives, at the conclusion of which occurs, the following—

Bro. Leroy A. Goddard spoke as follows *for the representatives.* * * * *

He pays a merited compliment to Bro. Scott, on his report on correspondence, saying—

It is better than usual, although all his efforts heretofore have been exceedingly fine.

He then quotes from the introduction to Bro. Scott's report from his statistical table, and from what is therein stated anent the "essentials of regularity."

Grand Master, W. H. Allen, Joliet; Grand Secretary, Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena.

NEBRASKA—1916

270 Lodges 59th Annual 23,664 Members

The proceedings of the grand lodge of Nebraska are printed in the very bluest sort of a book of one hundred seventy-five pages, which is well printed, and well put together.

The annual meeting was held at Omaha, commencing June 6, 1916, and the grand lodge was opened and presided over by Bro. Samuel S. Whiting, grand master, the other grand lodge officers being all in their places. Eighteen past grand masters were present to lend dignity to the assemblage, and the ambassadors for forty foreign grand lodges were in the diplomatic circle, Bro. George H. Thummel, the representative of Illinois, of the number.

The grand master's address fills thirteen pages, and recounts his official activities during the year. In language expressive of great bereavement he announced the death during the year of five past grand masters, viz.: brethren Albert W. Crites, Charles J. Phelps, John B. Dinsmore, Edward K. Valentine and William A. De Bord.

Concerning the home, the grand master said—

"Our masonic home is on a firm foundation. The brethren are willingly contributing to its management and doing so cheerfully. The trustees have no complaint to make of the liberality of the grand lodge in supplying the funds, but inasmuch as they are doing this work for the good of the fraternity, I believe they would appreciate words of commendation from the brethren, if they are entitled to them. I have felt the necessity that you should be better informed regarding the home and its management. To this end I have made arrangements for the grand lodge to visit the home this afternoon at two o'clock P. M. by special train, and you are all invited. * * * *

Accordingly it appears from the record that the grand lodge officers and representatives, and many others visited the home, *en masse*, at Plattsmouth, remaining at the home till five o'clock in the afternoon.

It appears that on May 20, 1916, there were at the home, seventeen women, twenty-two men, eleven boys and eleven girls. During the year a cottage was erected on the home grounds for the girls, and the eleven girls, with two small boys are at this new cottage. The cost of maintenance to the grand lodge, during the last year appears to have been $11,015.85. In addition to this sum the order of the Eastern Star contributed $4,740.56 in cash, and probably as much more in provisions.

The grand master reported the dedicating of five new halls, the granting of three dispensations to form new lodges, the granting of three special dispensations to elect or install lodge officers at times other than prescribed by the by-laws, and three to enable lodges to confer degrees without regard to time. In lieu of our board of grand examiners they have in Nebraska a grand custodian, and for our grand lecturers they have assistants to the grand custodian, and the grand master reported the appointment of eighteen assistants to the grand custodian, and concerning their qualifications, says—

They must be loyal craftsmen of high moral standing, demonstrating in their daily lives the living and eternal principles of masonry. * * * * They should be ardent students of the study side of masonry. Knowledge of its origin, its history, its symbols, its traditions, both written and unwritten,—becoming simply a phonograph in the rendition of the letter of the work—will not suffice in the work of building a spiritual temple, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. * * * *

He reported the laying of six corner stones, and the visitation of fifty-two of the lodges of his obedience, which is going some in the way of visiting.

The grand master reported three decisions, the first of which was by the committee on jurisprudence modified, and two and three were approved. In No. 1, it was decided that—

A lodge room cannot be legally dedicated, if it is occupied by other bodies, unless *they are auxiliary bodies.*

The committee on jurisprudence modified the decision so as to permit the joint occupation with the lodge, by the following bodies: A chapter of royal arch masons; a council of royal and select masons; a commandery of knights templar; a body of ancient and accepted Scottish rite; a chapter of the order of the Eastern Star and a temple of the mystic shrine. In order that no mistake might be possible as to the drift of this holding, the committee recommended, and the grand lodge adopted the following—

Resolved, That the grand lodge free and accepted masons of Nebraska, in the exercise of its sovereign rights and powers, declares that it is unlawful for any mason of this grand jurisdiction to make application to, or join any lodge, society or institution, that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a master mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of entered apprentice, fellow craft and master mason; provided that this inhibition shall not apply to York and Scottish rite bodies, the order of the Eastern Star, or to the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

In other words in the matter of side issues it is "so far and no farther" in Nebraska, and all degree peddlers may take notice and govern themselves accordingly, no matter how bad they may need the money. It may be shown that the systems they propose to exploit are laudible and highly beneficial, and that their organic laws have been duly indorsed by Frederck II., Henry VIII, Brigham Young, or even Tubal Cain himself, the lid is on in Nebraska. When a body composed of ancient craft masons, constituting a

unit of the masonry of the ancient charges, which knows no distinctions save those of apprentice, fellow and master, (*and there is no other masonry,*) attempts to express approval or disapproval of any side issue, it thereby renders itself to most of us as nothing short of ridiculous.

In the second decision the grand master decided, incorrectly, (perhaps) that—

A candidate wearing an immovable ring is not thereby debarred from receiving the degrees of masonry.

This was approved by the committee and the grand lodge, but it would appear to an outsider that its correctness depends upon the composition of the ring, which is not intimated. The grand master recommended an amendment to the code requiring lodges ao fix the date of their meetings on a particular day, or days of the month, instead of regulating them by the moon, but the committee on jurisprudence disagreed with him, and there may still be "Moon lodges," if any are so disposed.

The grand secretary's report shows the collection during the year of $55,530.38 of which the sum of $33,135.00 was grand lodge dues. The same report shows a net increase in membership during the year of 1359.

There is a brief, but well arranged report on fraternal dead, in which appropriate mention is made of the passing of brethren Edward Cook and William H. Scott, past grand masters of Illinois.

On the evening of the first day, following the return from the visit to the home, an oration was delivered by Bro. Charles L. Richards, grand orator, which by order of the grand lodge, is in the printed proceedings, and is worthy of the place.

The protest of the "Gran Logia Regional de Filippinas" was referred to the committee on foreign correspondence, and upon its report and recommendation it was—

Resolved, That the grand lodge of Nebraska respectfully declines to accept the protest of the grand lodge regional of the Philippines, as any reason for changing the fraternal relations now existing between the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands and the grand lodge of Nebraska.

On report and recommendation of the same committee the grand lodge declined the application for fraternal recognition made by the national grand lodge of France. This action appears to have been grounded on the report made to the grand lodge of Massachusetts by past grand master Galiger, as mentioned in the review of Massachusetts.

On report and recommendation of the committee on charters and dispensations, charters were granted to three new lodges.

A committee on the promotion of the world's peace made a report, the subject matter of which constitutes a plea for international arbitration, on which no action was taken by the grand lodge.

A committee on the George Washington memorial reported favoring the appropriation of $100.00 by the grand lodge, and the designating of a committee to solicit further subscriptions to this fund from individual brethren. The report was adopted.

At the annual election Bro. Andrew H. Viele was chosen grand master and Bro. Francis E. White was re-elected grand secretary.

There is a report on foreign correspondence from the pen of Bro. John A. Ehrhardt, past grand master, consisting of fifty-four pages of terse, but well prepared notes. He accords fraternal treatment to the proceedings of Illinois for 1915. He notes what Bro. Burnap says in the grand master's report concerning concerted action for the promotion of universal peace; what is said concerning the dedication of the royal arch memorial hospital and the offer of assistance from California at the time of the "Eastland" calamity. He takes note, also, of the donation of lands adjoining the home at Sullivan, and reproduces the draft of the acceptance and expression of appreciation of the generosity of the donors, Edwin C. Swain and Irvin Shuman, (not Sherman, as Bro. Ehrhardt has it,) by the grand lodge. Concerning the review, he says—

The report on masonic correspondence is by M. W. Owen Scott, past grand master, and is a well written book of two hundred pages.

Whereupon he notices what Bro. Scott says concerning the European war, and quotes in part what is said concerning landmarks.

In his review of the grand lodge of England our brother reproduces the order of that grand lodge forbidding brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian and Turkish birth from visiting lodges subsisting under the English Constitution during the war, but out of motives of delicacy refrains from discussing the same because he is, as he says, of German birth, himself. Surely his modesty bespeaks his merit, but we would all be glad to know what he think of this order.

The next annual will be held at Omaha June 5, 1917.

Andrew H. Viele, Grand Master, Norfolk; Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, Omaha.

NEVADA

Proceedings not received in time for insertion here—if they come later will be at end of report.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1915

40 Lodges 48th Annual 3,685 Members

The annual communication of this grand lodge was held at St. John, April 6, 1915, and to use the language of their record—

Was opened at the hour of three of the clock in ample form, with prayer by the very worshipful grand chaplain and the reading of Psalm XXIV.

The grand lodge was opened and presided over by Bro. Hedley V. B. Bridges, grand master assisted by a full corps of officers. There were present, also, five past grand masters, and the representatives of twenty-three foreign grand lodges, Illinois not of this number. The grand master delivered an address, which fills fifteen pages, in which he comments on the European war, and the loss to their lodges incident thereto, the official visits to a number of the lodges, the ritual and a few other matters of minor consequence. Nearly all the business of the grand lodge among the English outfit is transacted by the board of general purposes, and finds its way to the grand lodge, if at all, through the reports, of this board, and the grand secretary.

The grand master says—

The catastrophe incalculable, the greatest war in the world's history, to which our grand master last year alluded in most fitting terms, still is being waged with unabated fury. Freemasonry has ever flourished in times of peace. Masonry has always deplored the miseries and suffering which are the inevitable consequences of war, but we must feel today, that wishes for peace are inopportune and useless, and not until the principles of truth and justice and liberty have finally triumphed and prevailed can we hope for peace that will be permanent and lasting.

Being strictly neutral as the President of the United States has enjoined, no comment is offered, but this observation is ventured, namely, any reader not in sympathy with the grand master's utterance is at liberty to construe the same as meaning that he is willing the war shall end whenever Great Britain has the best of it.

The grand master made a number of ceremonial and official visits to the lodges of his jurisdiction, and says—

In the short time at my disposal I have not been able to make as many visits as I would like, for this is certainly the most interesting as well as a very pleasant part of the duties of the grand master.

Concerning the ritual he says—

We sometimes hear the opinion expressed that there should be uniformity of ritual at least throughout our dominion. It has never seemed to me so very desirable and it certainly appears impracticable. It is enough that the great principles are the same throughout. I feel we are all ready

to confess an actual affection for our ritual. Its simplicity, in which lies much of its strength, its directness and impressiveness are endeared to the hearts and minds of all, so that we are quite willing to proclaim "*ne. varietur*" as our motto in this regard.

All of which it is presumed means for every fellow to work his own way, but to refrain from stuttering or changing.

Concerning the temple the grand master says—

This is the first communication of grand lodge in which our reports show that the masonic temple is the actual property of grand lodge, and what was for years a consummation devoutly to be wished has become an actual reality."

He then proceeds to remark that the untiring efforts, energy and zeal of past grand master Knowlton had been the chief factor in eliminating the debt incurred in the construction of the temple.

Concerning special dispensations, the grand master says—

I have issuel fully twenty dispensations, the most of which were for the purpose of conferring degrees upon candidates at short intervals, and twenty of those who have received degrees at short intervals had enlisted for active service in the war. Through the kindness of the grand secretary I have ascertained fairly well the number of masons who have enlisted, and I know that considerable over a hundred are on the list, and of these fully fifty are from St. John. I have lately seen a report of a wonderful gathering of masons at empire lodge in London, at which every grand lodge jurisdiction in Canada was represented, and the statement was made that there were about five thousand masons in the first contingent. It is probable that fully as large a percentage of the second contingent are also members of the craft.

From the grand secretary's report it appears that he collected and paid over to the grand treasurer the sum of three thousand thirty-five dollars and ninety-one cents, two thousand one hundred seventy-two dollars and forty cents of which was for annual dues. From the same source it appears that the net gain in membership since last report was one hundred forty-nine.

The application for recognition from the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands was referred to the committee on foreign relations, and the majority report of this committee favored recognition, but, as the record says—

Right worshipful brother, his honour, Judge Forbes, past grand master, had not seen his way in joining in the recommendation mainly because the grand lodge of Scotland under whose warrant a lodge was still working in the Islands had as yet withheld its recognition.

The report of the committee was received and action thereon deferred until the next annual meeting.

From all of which it would appear that the questions of right, regularity, and legitimacy in the formation of governing bodies, cut no figure

with "His Honour," but the matter of pounds, shillings, and pence as dues, to the grand lodge of Scotland, is of sufficient consequence to keep the bantling in the Philippines on the waiting list indefinitely.

The masonic world well knows that it is not at all likely that Scotland will recognize the grand lodge of the Philippines as long as this one lodge continues to remit.*

At an evening session the election of officers was held, which resulted in the re-election of Bro. Hedley V. B. Bridges as grand master. The record states that—

The sections of the constitution governing elections were then read. The most worshipful grand master appointed as scrutineers, * * * * and these brethren were duly pledged to a faithful discharge of their duty. On due nomination in writing and after several ballotings the scrutineers reported that the following Brethren had in each instance, received a majority of the votes cast, * * * * and this is their manner of conducting elections. The elective officers are grand master, deputy grand master, senior and junior grand wardens, grand chaplain and grand treasurer. All the others, commencing with the grand secretary are appointive. The grand master appointed only twelve grand stewards.

The 49th annual will be held at St. John, April 25th, 1916.

Bro. Hedley V. B. Bridges, Grand Master Fredericton; Bro. J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary, St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1916.

80 Lodges 127th Annual 11,058 Members

The tidy volume containing the printed proceedings of this grand lodge is embellished by full page portraits of the retiring grand master, Bro. Stephen S. Jewett, and brethren William R. Burleigh and Arthur S. Bunton, past grand masters, and Bro. George O. Woodcock, past deputy grand master; also, a full page cut of the masonic home building, at Manchester.

The annual communication was held at Concord, commencing on May 17, 1916 and was opened in ample form, and presided over by the grand master, brother Stephen S. Jewett, the other grand lodge officers being in their several stations. Ten past grand masters graced the occasion, and the representatives of thirty-six foreign grand bodies were in the diplomatic circle, Illinois not of the number.

*Note: There are two lodges in the Philippines working under warrants from the grand lodge of Scotland.

The grand masters' address fills thirty pages, and recounts the activities of the year. He sorrowfully announces the death of two past grand masters brethren William R. Burleigh and Arthur S. Bunton, and past deputy grand master, George O. Woodcock.

Under the topic of "European war" the grand master says—

Notwithstanding our remoteness from the actual scenes of war, we have been, and are suffering by reason of it; and the lives of many of our people have been sacrificed. The thought comes to us, what is our duty as men and as masons? In this crisis of the world's history, what is our duty to God, our country and our families? My answer is that we should be men, and manfully face any crisis that presents itself. Our forefathers in the War of the Revolution, laid down their lives on many battlefields, that this republic should have its place among the nations of the world, where liberty, in its full extent and meaning should be enjoyed by every law-abiding citizen. Again, in the years from 1861 to 1865 the blood of thousands was spilled to prove that only one flag could exist in the territory of the United States. Today, brethren, as the result of all this sacrifice, we are living in the grandest Republic ever known in the history of man. That flag, the glorious stars and stripes means much to every American citizen. Our doors are open to those who wish to enjoy our privileges, but the time has come when it must be brought home to the mind of every inhabitant of this country that residence here, and the enjoyment of the privileges of this free land means loyalty to our governments, its institutions, and above all to the flag. Our fraternity stands today, as a bulwark of defense for law, order and the upholding of our flag, and our national honor. It is our duty therefore as Masons to stand for all that the American flag represents, and never fail, in our devotion to it. * * * *

Seven decisions are reported, all construing their laws and regulations, all of which were approved by the grand lodge. In one of them it was decided that—

On the question of the division of fees with a foreign lodge which had been asked to confer a degree as a courtesy to that lodge, that the master had best not authorize the foreign lodge to do the work on the basis of a division of the fees without a direct vote of the lodge.

In another it is held that—

A man who lived from April to October in each year in Littleton, and the remainder of each year in New York City, and had never had a voting place in either place was not eligible to receive the degrees in Burns lodge. (In Littleton.)

Twelve special dispensations were granted by the grand master, to enable lodges to elect or install officers at times other than as prescribed in the by-laws, to change the time or place of meeting, to confer degrees before the time required by the by-laws had elapsed, or the like.

As tending to show that the circumlocution office is in action, the grand master reports a number of instances where requests by lodges, were through him preferred to foreign lodges to confer degrees, and where foreign lodges had through their grand masters made similar requests to the

lodges of his obedience. Among the former list, he reports that through his offices and the complaisance of the grand master of Illinois, Englewood lodge No. 690 had conferred all the degrees on a candidate, out of courtesy for Mt. Vernon lodge No. 15.

The grand master reported the dedication of three new halls.

Under the head of "masonic home" the grand master said, in part—

There is no more worthy object in the whole line of masonic endeavor than the masonic home. * * * * Our greatest need for the home is sufficient funds to carry on the work. The accommodations are limited, and many of our brethren who are in actual need of such care as could be given at the home are unable to be so cared for, by reason of lack of accommodations. A hospital annex is sadly needed. * * * *

Elsewhere it appears that the home is incorporated under State laws, is located at Manchester, and by the provisions of a charter pays no tax on its property. The land, building and furnishings have cost $28,000.00. From the report of the trustees of the corporation it appears that—

The institution is in a flourishing and prosperous condition, and is doing a great work for the needy and unfortunate. The members of the order of the Eastern Star in the state are greatly interested in the success and prosperity of our masonic home. * * * * The trustees greatly appreciate the generous contributions of money and useful articles of personal property the masonic home has received from the chapters and membrs of the order of the Eastern Star, and are grateful for the active interest in the home that has been taken by the members of that noble and beneficient order.

From the same report it appears that the gross receipts for the past year on account of the home fund was $8,478.14 of which the sum of $5,455.00 was per capita tax from members of lodges, and the balance was from the O. E. S. and various other sources. The running expenses during the year aggregated $7,373.02 and the number of members at date of report was 14. The grand master makes mention of his attendance, (by proxy) at the meeting of the Washington memorial association at Alexandria, Va., and commends to the grand lodge this enterprise.

Our brethren of New Hampshire have taken to the modern notion of "documentary evidence" in a most thorough manner, as a resolution was some years since adopted which the grand master calls upon masters of lodges to have strictly enforced. The resolution as quoted by him is as follows—

That no visitor to a lodge shall be examined for admission until he exhibits to the examining committee his diploma, issued to him as a master mason in good and regular standing by his lodge, and under its seal, and the seal of his grand lodge.

Appended to the grand masters address are the reports of the seven district deputy grand masters, all of which are interesting, more or less. The report of the grand secretary shows the collection, for all purposes of the sum of $11,923.83 of which $10,400.25 was for dues and per capita tax;

from members of lodges. The returns show a net gain in membership of 148.

Brother George Edward Bales was elected grand master and brother Harry Morrison Cheney was re-elected grand secretary.

There is a report on foreign correspondence of 164 pages from the pen of the grand secretary, who is a past grand master, and who has had ten years experience as a reviewer. He devotes two of his pages to Illinois, and his treatment is cordial and fraternal. Of brother Burnap's address he says—

He rightly derives satisfaction from the fact that his disciplinary powers have not been used in the year.

Further commenting he says—

Grand master Burnap goes off at an unusual tangent, to illustrate the ridiculous things that had come his way, a fair sample being the case of one gentleman who makes no claim to being a member of the fraternity, requested the grand master to relieve him of the annoying and undesirable attentions of a lady whom he alleged to be a member of the order of the Eastern Star.

Other references to the grand master's report are made. Concerning the review he says—

Past grand master Scott has a correspondence report of 200 pages, including the review. It is a document of great value in every way a test may be applied.

Bro. George A. Bales, Grand Master, Wilton; Bro. Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary, Concord.

NEW JERSEY—1916

197 Lodges 129th Annual 42,257 Members

The volume of proceedings of this grand lodge is bulky, but well printed and attractive in appearance. It is adorned with a fine portrait of the retiring grand master, Bro. Edward M. Searing, and full page cuts of five masonic halls in New Jersey, located, respectively, at East Orange, New Brunswick, Passaic, Arlington and Eatontown. There is a record of an emergent communication at Ramsey May 8th, 1915, for the purpose of constituting a new lodge; an emergent communication held at Flemington, May 22, 1915, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a new high school building; an emergent communication held at Bernardsville May 29, 1915, for the purpose of constituting a new lodge; an emergent communication held at Arlington, June 19, 1915, for the purpose of laying the corner

stone of the new masonic temple; an emergent communication held at Plainfield December 4, 1915, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new post office building; an emergent communication held at East Orange April 4, 1916, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of Bro. Hamilton Wallis, past grand master; and the annual communication, which was held at Trenton, commencing April 19, 1916. The grand master presided in person at all these meetings.

At the annual he was supported by a full corps of grand lodge officers, and the occasion was dignified by the presence of fourteen past grand masters, and the representatives of fifty-two foreign grand lodges, Bro. Richard C. Woodward, the envoy from Illinois, being of the number. The grand master in a brief but well written address gives an account of the activities of the year. With appropriate expressions of sorrow he reports the death during the year of Bro. Hamilton Wallis, past grand master. He reports the constituting of two new lodges, the laying of three corner stones, and the issuing of three dispensations to form new lodges.

The grand master reported the visitation of a large number of the lodges of his jurisdiction and says—

It was a source of great delight to receive the kindly greetings of the brethren, and also to witness the fraternal bond of fellowship existing among the craft.

Under the head of "Decisions" he says—

Many questions have been propounded to me during the past year, all of which were amply provided for in the digest. Many of these were of such a nature as to show the utter ignorance of our laws, brought about not from want of intelligence, but simply from the lack of application and investigation of lodge officials. This condition is not peculiar to New Jersey, according to indications.

He reports the exploiting within his jurisdiction of the "McKinley chain letter" scheme, and reports steps taken to put the brethren on their guard against this graft, causing the grand secretary to advise all the lodges that Judge Day, (who is not a mason) mentioned in connection therewith, has done everything within reason on his part to stop these chain letters. * * * * * * * * * * * * (See review of Ohio.)

As tending to show that the "Circumlocution office" with all its incidental red tape is in action, the grand master says—

A number of requests to confer degrees have been received from sister jurisdictions, and they have been cheerfully complied with. We have likewise asked similar favors and in each instance were treated with the same courtesy.

Concerning the "Masonic Home" he reports—

It is indeed a great pleasure to note that the affairs at our Home are in a very satisfactory condition, except that we are somewhat crowded in the main building. The home committee, however, acting under the reso-

lution adopted at the last annual communication of this grand lodge, has after a careful and conscientious study of the situation taken steps to remedy this by remodeling and enlarging the building, thereby affording ample accommodation for a long time to come. These improvements include a well equipped hospital, chapel, elevator and many other facilities for the health and comfort of those whom we are endeavoring to make happy during their declining years. * * *

From the report of the home committee, the following is extracted—

The number of inmates has been increased during the year by the admission of 31 applicants, of whom 12 were children, and diminished by 15 deaths, 4 discharges, and 4 voluntarily leaving the home, showing a net increase of 8, making our number of inmates on March 1st last, 95. * * *

The gross cost of maintenance for the year, including all charges for upkeep, has been $23,426.72 showing a per capita cost per day of 70 and 7/10 cents. * * * * * * * * * * *

The report of the grand secretary shows the collection during the year of $81,430.12 of which the sum of $24,894.50 was for dues. The same report shows a net gain in membership during the year of 1688.

During the first day of the session the following distinguished brethren presented themselves as visitors, and were received with the honors appropriate to their rank, severally, namely: Brethren Louis A. Watres, grand master, Charles F. Bower, deputy grand master and George F. Knight, secretary to the grand master, all of Pennsylvania; Samuel Francis Ball, grand representative of the grand lodge of New Jersey near the grand lodge of New York, and Stuart J. Horn, deputy grand master, C. Herbert Neutze, grand sword bearer, Frank B. Newell, grand marshal and Thomas J. Day, past grand master, all of Delaware.

In the review of New Jersey last year mention was made of the presentation by members of the craft of Trenton to the grand lodge of the "Old Masonic Temple," to be used as a repository for historic relics of value to the fraternity. During the year the building was removed, refitted and repaired, and put in complete order for its intended use, and at the instance, and on behalf of the donors of this historic structure, something near 120 years old, Bro. Wilbur F. Sadler Jr., presented the grand master with the key, thereby placing in a neat speech, the property into the possession of the grand lodge. His oratory in making this presentation disclosed such a knowledge of local ancient history, presumably, that the grand master, after accepting the key in fitting terms, again called upon him, whereupon he delivered a fine historical oration before the grand lodge, recounting the crossing of the Delaware by General Washington,the battle of Trenton, and the retreat to Morristown, all of which taken together, constitutes the finest military maneuver in all history. The grand lodge was highly entertained as may be well imagined, and ordered his oration to be printed in full in the proceedings, which was done.

An evening session was held the first day, when the grand instructor, assisted by district deputies exemplified the esoteric work of the three degrees, and the opening and closing ceremonies of the lodge. On report and recommendation of the committee on "dispensation and warrants, two new lodges were granted warrants."

The committee on appeals and grievances reported that "perfect harmony seems to abide with the craft for this jurisdiction, as no complaints or grievances have been presented to it for consideration."

The election resulted in the choice of Bro. William R. Meakle for grand master, and in the re-election of Bro. Theodore B. Townley as grand secretary. The grand lodge fixed the salary of the grand secretary at $1500.00 and that of the committee on correspondence at $500.00, with an additional allowance of $100.00 for translations, as heretofore.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. Robt. A. Shirrefs, and consists of 135 pages of well digested matter. Three pages are devoted to a review of Illinois. He gives a fair summary of the annual report of Bro. Burnap, referring to his decision anent club-rooms adjoining lodge premises, the dedication of the royal arch memorial hospital at the home, and the request made to him as grand master, by the man who wished to be relieved of the undesirable attentions of the lady member of the O. E. S.; the man who invoked his aid in the collection of an account; the lady who demanded that her husband be expelled, and the twice rejected candidate who desired to be made a mason "at sight," offering to pay the usual fee, and says—

Like his powers of discipline, these opportunities to acquire merit were left unexercised.

He notices that the committee on Joseph Robbins memorial was given further time, and notes the report of the committee on jurisprudence concerning the resolution of Bro. Jason Lewis, and the use of the term "masonic," for business purposes, organized elsewhere than in Illinois. Of our proceedings, he says—

This bulky pamphlet is a tribute to the skill of compiler, right worshipful Bro. Isaac Cutter, grand secretary. It is divided into sections, and topically segregated and indexed, so as to be very convenient, and is withal a fine example of typographical art.

Of the review, he says—

From preview to topical index the report on masonic correspondence, by most worshipful Owen Scott, is of its usual excellence and amplitude, * * * * whereupon he proceeds to quote what Brother Scott says concerning "landmarks."

Grand Master, WILLIAM R. MEAKLE, Trenton; Grand Secretary, THEODORE B. TOWNLEY, Trenton.

NEW MEXICO—1915

45 Lodges 38th Annual 3,564 Members

The artistic appearance of the book of proceedings of this grand lodge is heightened by the likeness of past grand masters Raleigh F. Hare, James G. Fitch, Abram N. Pratt and James W. Wilson.

The annual communication was held at Albuquerque, commencing October 11, 1915, and was opened in ample form by the grand master, Rawleigh F. Hare, all the other grand lodge officers being present except the grand marshall. The assembly was dignified by the presence of thirteen past grand masters. The grand master's address fills thirteen pages, and gives a succinct account of his official acts during the year.

Under the head of "fraternal dead" he makes announcement of the passing of Bro. Edward Cook, past grand master of Illinois.

He reports the dedicating of three new halls, and the instituting of two new lodges. He mentions the issuing of twenty-five special dispensations, eleven to sublet hall to order of the Eastern Star, or other bodies, ten to elect or install lodge officers "out of time," three to change place of meeting and one to confer master mason's degree on a U. S. soldier in less than a lunar month from the date of receiving the degree of fellow craft.

All these were considered and approved by the committees on grand masters' address, and in the report of this committee it is said—

All dispensations for joint occupacy of halls are approved, although the necessity for the same is regretted. Dispensations for election and installation of officers out of regular time are approved, but we desire to impress upon the officers of the constituent lodges the advisability of selecting appointive officers who will be present upon the installation night, and thus avoid the penalties imposed upon securing special dispensations.

It would appear that there could be no two opinions as to the expediency of these suggestions of the committee. The committee might have suggested further, in the case of the soldier, why keep a law in force requiring him to wait a lunar month before being advanced? Why not make proficiency the condition, in order to advancement? The grand master reports the denial of two applications for special dispensations, to-wit: one to enable a lodge to receive a petition for the degrees from a man who had lived in the jurisdiction of that lodge only eleven and one-half months, and one to permit a lodge to attend church, as a lodge. The grand master announces twelve decisions all of which were approved by the committee,—none of them of very great consequence except to those immediately concerned.

He reported the correspondence had with the Washington memorial association and on motion of most worshipful Bro. Catron, who acted as the proxy of the grand master at themeeting of the association, the grand lodge subscribed one hundred dollars to this association.

The grand master mentions his having designated district deputy grand master E. M. Paul to visit as his representative, the home of the late Bro. Kit Carson, the veteran scout, and pioneer mason, and make report and recommendation as to its management. The matter of this report was referred to a special committee. This home is located at Taos, and was the property (by purchase,) of the grand lodge. On recommendation of the special committee the grand lodge ordered the conveyance of the property to Bent lodge No. 42, to be used by it for lodge purposes upon the condition and reservation, "That what is known as the Kit Carson room shall be forever maintained as a museum, and the balance of the property to be held intact, as a memorial to the deceased brother, Kit Carson."

New Mexico appears to have a masonic home fund, as shown from the report of the grand treasurer, in the sum of nine thousand seven hundred eighty dollars and thirty-eight cents, but as yet, no home, and for the past four years no additions to the fund save accrued interest.

The returns from lodges show a net gain in membership during the year of two hundred and three. A roster of all the members of lodges is published in the proceedings, requiring fifty-six pages for names only.

The report of foreign correspondence is by Bro. John Milne, and consists of one hundred and six pages of well digested matter. He gives liberally of his space to Illinois, for 1914. He notices the celebration of our seventy-fifth anniversary, and says—

Several past grand masters spoke eloquently of masonry in general, and Illinois masonry in particular, and proceeds to quote a considerable part of the address of Bro. Bell, on "The Present."

He quotes from the annual report of grand master Burnap what is therein said concerning the European war, and special dispensations and makes mention of what is therein said concerning schools of instruction, grand lecturers' association, bequests to grand lodge, organizations within lodges, and Sabbath desecration, and says that—

Hasty initiations, organizations within the lodge, and Sabbath desecration were severely condemned, as they should be.

He hands Bro. Scott a merited bouquet, when he says—

The report of the committee on masonic correspondence is again from the pen of Bro. Owen Scott who believes in saying just what he thinks, and judging from an excellent report he does some thinking.

He reproduces in full what Bro. Scott says concerning the "essentials of regularity" in the opening part of his report. He also extracts from Bro. Scott's review of New Mexico, what is therein stated under the head

of "going behind the returns," the latter, presumably for the purpose of showing that he is not at all "thin-skinned," or possibly to demonstrate that he either does not know, or does not care that he is getting the worst of the argument, in his effort to support the wrong side of the matter at issue.

AMOS W. POLLARD, Grand Master, Deming; ALPHEUS A. KEENS, Grand Secretary, Albuquerque.

NEW SOUTH WALES

260 LODGES 27TH ANNUAL 21,502 MEMBERS

The well printed book of proceedings of the united grand lodge of New South Wales contains a record of four quarterly communications, held respectively, September 9, 1914; December 9, 1914; March 10, 1915, and June 9, 1915; also, three special communications, held respectively, June 24, 1914; June 8, 1915, and June 24, 1915, all in the city of Sidney.

At each of the quarterly communications the grand lodge was opened in ample form by the grand master, then follows the grand master's address, after that the business transacted by the grand lodge; after that the report of the board of general purposes, attached to which is the report of the "grand inspector of workings" and lastly the reports of officers, and so on. The board of general purposes is practically the whole thing there, and the grand master's address and the transactions of the grand lodge follow in the track of its report, but in conformity to the English fashion of putting the cart before the horse the report comes last in the printed proceedings.

At the quarterly first above mentioned the grand master announced that he had sent a message to the board of general purposes, suggesting that two hundred fifty pounds be appropriated out of grand lodge moneys as a "patriotic fund." He further says—

> Since then, matters have assumed a more serious aspect, and we are all called upon to make the greatest possible sacrifice for the future relief of the dependents of those who go forth to lay down their lives in the defense of our homes and our liberty.

This recommendation was concurred in by the board, and the grand lodge, and not only so, but additions were from time to time made to this fund by the grand lodge, and by many of the constituent lodges, and at the meeting of June 24, 1915, the grand master announced that the fund then aggregated the sum of two thousand five hundred forty-six pounds, all having been handed over to the proper custodians of this fund.

Concerning the ritual, the grand master says—

I have been strongly impressed with the necessity of securing more uniformity of working, as many details, some utterly opposed to our constitution, are creeping into our lodges. * * * * I intend, therefore, to ask the board of general purposes to consider the advisability of making provision for the election by the grand lodge of a standing committee of five for a term of years, the longer the better, to whom all references may be made by the various inspectors of workings and whose decisions will be binding and final.

At the following quarterly meeting the board reported, in effect, suggesting that it be empowered to appoint from its own membership a subcommittee to supervise the ritual, appearing to be jealous of its own authority, and anxious to extend its power. This did not suit the grand master, and for a wonder, the grand lodge refused to take sides with the board, but on the contrary ordered the board to submit for action an amendment to the constitution of the character suggested by the grand master—which was done.

On recommendation of the board of general purposes the national grand lodge of France was extended fraternal recognition, with the following "addendum"—

The ceremonies will be conducted in strict conformity with * * * * The ritual which was drawn up in 1778, and sanctioned in 1782, and with which the Duke of Kent was initiated in 1792.

All the summonses of the order and of all the lodges will be printed with the symbols of the G.A.O.T.U.

The lodge, as such, will never take part officially in any political affair, but every individual brother will preserve complete liberty of opinion and action.

Only those brothers who are recognized as true brethren by the grand lodge of England will be received in lodge.

Without discussing the reliability of the subject matter of this "addendum" as a criterion of regularity, it may without offense be observed that it would have been well to know that the conditions therein suggested exist, before taking the action extending recognition.

At the special, held June 8, 1915, the only business done was the nominations for grand lodge officers, and at the quarterly, held the next day, the annual election was held, resulting in the re-election of Bro. William Thompson as grand master.

In the grand master's address at the last mentioned meeting he says—

I note with pleasure that it was unanimously resolved by the brethren of lodge Hiram of Dungog, to "follow the king" and devote the money saved in dispensing with alcoholic refreshments to one of the war funds. The example is worthy of emulation by other lodges, for we are all called upon to make the utmost possible sacrifice at this period of difficulty and danger to our empire.

The foregoing is reproduced to give some intimation of the dire extremities to which the hardships of war have reduced these good brethren. The grand master further says—

I am glad to note that the board of general purposes recommends the remission of the dues of all brethren engaged in active service.

Concurring in this recommendation the grand lodge adopted the following—

Resolved that the grand lodge be recommended to exempt lodges from paying quarterage in respect of members who are on active service on behalf of the empire, and that all the names of such brethren be recorded in the quarterly proceedings of this grand lodge.

The following item in the report of the board of general purposes was approved by the grand lodge, namely—

The attention of the board has been directed to advertisements appearing in the daily press in connection with installation meetings of lodges, and the grand secretary was instructed to send circulars to all lodges calling attention to the fact that under clause 177 of the B. of C. advertisements in the daily press should not be published concerning installation or other lodge meetings.

At each of the quarterly communications above mentioned the grand master reported the number of special dispensations by him issued during the preceding quarter, and the aggregate, so reported is as follows—

To change night of meeting, fifty-seven.

Change of time or place of meeting, seventy-three.

Emergencies, twenty-two.

Initiation of a *Lewis,* seventeen.

Permission to wear regalia, one hundred seventy-four, making a total for the year of three hundred forty-three special dispensations. Whether or not this is above the average yield is not stated.

At the special held June 24, 1915, the chief business is what we would call the installation of officers, but they do not have it exactly that way.

The record states that—

Most Worshipful Bro. William Thompson, having been re-elected as grand master for the ensuing year, was proclaimed as such by the Grand director of ceremonies in the East, the West and the South. * * * * The grand lodge officers-elect were presented by the grand director of ceremonies, and invested with their jewels of office. * * * *

The diplomatic circle was largely in evidence at this meeting, there being present the representatives of fifty-eight foreign grand lodges, Bro. W. Beavis, the envoy from Illinois, being of this number.

Following these ceremonies the grand master delivered an address, in the course of which he most beautifully said—

Let us therefore on this great festival day of St. John pledge our faith anew in Freemasonry, that Heavenly inspired great system of morality, which embraces within its ranks good men and true of every sect, every class and every creed, and whatever dissentions may arise in the affairs of men, let us rejoice that there is at least one portal through which the foul spirit of discord may never gain admission. May this divine spirit of peace, love and harmony rest upon every lodge, and may its doors ever be close tyled against strife, recrimination and dissention.

After the close of this address the grand master, assisted by the other grand lodge officers, "Solemnly, and in accordance with ancient custom, dedicated the new lodge rooms," of one of the Sidney lodges.

The returns from lodges show an increase in membership during the year, of one thousand twenty-four.

There is a report on foreign correspondence, subscribed by a committee of which Bro. S. Scott Young is chairman, consisting of one hundred forty-four pages. For some reason Illinois has no place in this report, for which we are sorry. In submitting the report the committee say, in part—

If we, as we think, are supplying a want in collating and imparting information through our labors, which are arduous and exacting, then we feel that our exertion has not been in vain, and we accept cheerfully the burden the grand lodge has laid upon us, assured that we are employing our humble talents and opportunities for the advancement of masonic knowledge, and the spread of masonic truth; and if we do not always receive the approbation of our brethren we have at least the approving testimony of a good conscience.

In concluding, the committee well say—

In a few cases the writer of a review may have expressed approval, or otherwise on a subject, but our united object has been to carefully record incidents, customs, decisions, addresses and practices, which differing from those common amongst us, may prove educational and interesting to our New South Wales brethren, and reveal to them that though the craft in other places may not use exactly the same words, may slightly vary positions, although the lodges may have different By-laws and practices, and their grand lodges may issue different edicts, and lay down different decisions on subsidiary matters, Freemasonry is the same all the world over; it has the same foundation, belief in God, and the immortality of the soul; it raises the same superstructure of brotherly love, relief and truth; it is supported by the same great pillars—wisdom, strength and beauty; it leads to the same practice, virtue, benevolence and morality, and the formation of a noble character, lofty ideals and clean life, and a study of the different methods recorded may expand our minds, and enlarge our ideas, may impress upon us the great masonic motto, *Audi, Vide, Tace*—listen, see, be silent—and establish among masons the world over, that sublime tolerance which is summed up in the words of a great teacher:

In things essential—Unity.

In things doubtful—Liberty.

In all things—Charity.

Arthur H. Bray, Grand Secretary, the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh St., Sidney.

NEW YORK—1916

852 Lodges. 135th Annual. 197,423 Members.

The book of proceedings of this grand lodge is ornamented by full page portraits of Bro. Reuben H. Walworth, grand master in 1853, Bro. Finlay M. King, grand master in 1861, and Bro. William Schwank, grand secretary, late of the grand lodge of Hamburg, all deceased.

The annual meeting was held at New York City, May 2, 1916, and the grand lodge was opened in ample form by the grand master, Bro. George Freifeld, all the other grand lodge officers being in their places, including twelve grand chaplains. The representatives of eighty-one grand bodies were in their places in the diplomatic circle, Bro. Henry H. Guttman, the envoy of Illinois, being of the number.

The grand master's address fills forty-seven pages, and gives indication of a busy year. He makes mention of the death, during the year of many brethren of local prominence, but none within the grand lodge family. Among the illustrious dead of other grand jurisdictions he mentions brethren Edward Cook and William H. Scott, past grand masters of Illinois.

He reported the granting of three dispensations to lay corner stones, six to dedicate halls, two to constitute new lodges, four to change time or place of meeting, nine for the formation of new lodges and seventeen to enable lodges to elect and install officers. He also reports the dedication of four temples, the laying of six corner stones and the constituting of thirteen new lodges, all in person. In commendation of the services of the district deputy grand masters, he says—

In season and out, in city and country, at the great gatherings and in the quiet groups, whenever and wherever a word or a speech could be expressed for the advancement of the cause of masonry, these men were ever alert. * * * * We will part officially in a few days, but our association has been so close and pleasant that death alone can sever the strong ties welded by mutual service and the confidence engendered by our relation to a great fraternity and to each other. All honor to you district deputy grand masters.

Concerning "the war abroad," the grand master said—

Since our last meeting in general assembly the monstrous conflict which bathes nations in blood, and a world in tears and mourning has continued with determination and ferocity. The titanic and unnatural struggle has embroiled other nations and peoples and spread ruin and misery broadcast. The partisans in this dreadful crime have not been too proud to fight. Neutral countries have suffered, for it is in the very nature of war to affect the innocent and the guilty in almost equal degree. * * * * Our great brotherhood has nothing in common with the exploitation of the war spirit. Preparedness for defence, and against aggression is consonant with reason, and this, pursued within properly limited lines and for the purposes named,

accords with the dictates of statesmanship. Let us be warned by the folly of Europe, which for half a century has nursed suspicion into dislike, developed dislike into hate and hate into war. * * * * Love and hate are two tremendous and antagonistic forces in the world. It is slowly learning, and just now at fearful cost, that mad ambition and hate extort a great price. We, brethren, are apostles of a higher creed, and to us is committed the duty of teaching the lesson of a true brotherhood, in spite of hue and cry, and in the face of all opposition.

Concerning the homes, at Utica, the grand master says—

During the year the beneficent work has been continued among the children and the aged. * * * * The annual visitation of the grand master was attended by a great company of the brethren, who carried away the wonderful inspiration which rewards those who attend it. * * * * We are looking forward to enlarged and much more secure accommodations for our children, when their own home shall have been completed. * * * * It is a lamentable fact that we must refuse admittance to men, women and children who are afflicted with certain non-contagious diseases, because of our wholly inadequate facilities for treatment and cure. * * * *

Elsewhere in the proceedings it appears that on March 31, 1916, the membership of the home consisted of 173 men, 125 women, 72 boys and 61 girls. It further appears that during the year ending on the above date the receipts for maintenance aggregated the sum of $123,773.00, of which $90,500.00 was per capita tax, and that the running expenses amounted to $112,505.07.

The superintendent states that—

At this writing, 113 children attend the public schools in Utica, while 20 are instructed in our home kindergarten. General instruction at the home consisting of stenography, dressmaking, and music still continues with good results. * * * * Sunday school is held at ten o'clock Sunday morning, and church service at three in the afternoon. * * * *

Appended to the superintendent's report and published in the proceedings, is a newspaper account of the manner in which Christmas was celebrated at the home last year, which furnishes a fine commentary on this beneficence, and is calculated to stir the emotions as do some of Dicken's Christmas stories. Space can be spared for the head lines only.

FAMILY OF FIVE HUNDRED.
CHRISTMAS AT MASONIC HOME.
And Every One of This Big Family Obtains More Than One Present.
Day One of Great Joy, and Children Do Much to Give Older Folks a Good Time.
GRAND MASTER PRESENT.

The grand master takes occasion to commend the activities of the employment bureau as shown by its report, and lays emphasis on the importance of the work it is doing. The grand lodge appropriated $5,000.00 for

the use of this bureau last year, and it asked for an appropriation of $4,000 this year. It appears that—

Last year the bureau registered 720 applicants, and placed 314. This fiscal year it has registered 1,237 applicants and has placed 416. * * * *

The grand secretary's report shows the collection of the sum of $243,474.38, of which sum $237,527.75 was fees and dues from lodges. The same report shows a net gain in membership of 4,960.

Bro. Louis A. Watres, right worshipful grand master of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, accompanied by a numerous and distinguished suite visited the grand lodge, and he, and the members of his staff, were received with the honors due to their several stations. On being introduced to the grand lodge, Bro. Watres delivered an address of some length, as well as interest, which is printed in full in the proceedings.

It appears that Bro. Leonard Wood, major general of the United States army, visited the grand lodge, was introduced by the grand master, and made a speech of some length, which is printed at large in the proceedings. The grand lodge was also visited by brother Edward M. Searing, past grand master of New Jersey, who addressed the grand lodge.

According to the method pursued by this grand lodge, decisions involving a construction of law are rendered by a grand lodge officer styled judge advocate, and his report at this session covers twenty-five pages, twelve cases being reported in full with his written opinion thereon. All save two passed the scrutiny of the jurisprudence committee, and were approved by the grand lodge. None of them are of great consequence to any save the parties concerned, nor of particular value as precedents.

There is in the proceedings a report from an officer of the grand lodge styled the "grand historian," which fills seventeen pages, and is very interesting to the antiquary, the masonic scholar, and others who are concerned about the beginnings of freemasonry.

At the annual election of officers brother Thomas Penney was elected grand master, and brother Edward M. L. Ehlers grand secretary.

There is a report on masonic correspondence, by Bro. William Sherer, consisting of 103 pages, two of which are alloted to a review of Illinois for the year 1915. He makes several quotations from the annual report of grand master Burnap, quoting particularly what is therein said as to the prevalence of harmony and good feeling, the case reported of the man who desired the grand master to relieve him of the undesirable attentions of the lady supposed to be a member of the O. E. S.; the man desiring a supposed member of the fraternity to pay a debt; the lady who desired the summary expulsion of her husband, on the grounds of nonsupport, and the twice rejected man who desired to be made a mason "at sight," offering

to pay the usual fee. He also quotes from the grand master's account of the dedication of the royal arch memorial hospital.

Of the review, he says—

The report on masonic correspondence is by Bro. Owen Scott, past grand master. * * * * In regard to recognition our good brother (Scott) says New York has spread its recognition of other grand lodges out until the list shows fourteen not usually considered legitimate by most American grand jurisdictions. These are Belgium, Costa Rica, Eclectic Union, Germany, Hamburg, Norway, Prussia, Saxony, Sweden, Switzerland, Three Globes, Mexico, Zur Eintracht, and Zur Sonne. Most of these are notoriously lacking in the generally prescribed essentials of regularity.

In reply brother Sherer says—

For instance, The Three Globes, erected by Bro. Frederick The Great in 1740; Sun, 1741; Eclectic Union, established 1783; Hamburg, 1740; Prussia, 1760, and others of venerable age. We have several times published in these reports our requisites for recognition, and we strictly adhere to them. Most of the correspondents lament the fact that their reports are not read by a large number of brethren, but only by the correspondents who have to read them, and here comes our dear brother of Illinois, who it seems has not even read or informed himself of the reports of other correspondents, New York included. Knowing the dates and origin of all these grand lodges, alleged to be clandestine or irregular by Illinois, we are surprised at our good brother's statement. We have read the report of Illinois with regret. It appears that Bro. Scott is not conversant with the status of the grand lodges in Germany. Most of them were established and recognized before Illinois was a State of the Union. With the exception of our territorial limitation, and some minor matters of government, the laws and usages and landmarks are obeyed and held in sacred reverence by most of the lodges he enumerates.

From this oracular and didactic retort of brother Sherer, which recalls Mr. Dickens' "Podsnap," the inferences is to be drawn 1. That "We" have certain requirements as to regularity of grand lodges, and that "We adhere to them," irrespective of the opinions of masonic jurists generally. 2. That it is highly important for Illinois—and Bro. Scott particularly—to be informed as to what "Our" peculiar requirements are, and that therefore the back numbers of Bro. Sherer's reports should be studied. 3. That it is an exhibition of ignorance and presumption to question the regularity of anything purporting to be a grand lodge, if it claims to have been erected prior to the date when Illinois was admitted into the Union, especially if the name of Frederick II can be connected with such body. It is highly likely that the Crown Prince of Prussia, Frederick II, received the degrees of freemasonry, but if he did, it was in a lodge that would scarcely pass muster, even in New York. It is conjectured that while he continued to be Crown Prince the rigid surveillance of "Papa," prevented his attention to matters masonic, and that after he became King, his enemies and the enemies of his country made his job too strenuous to admit of his *erecting* grand lodges, or approving of constitutions to be held in abeyance for a generation after his death.

It is presumed that Bro. Sherer will say, like others, that it devolves upon the incredulous to prove that he had nothing to do with these matters, and that he had no masonic warrant, or authority *to erect* grand lodges, or ratify constitutions for future use, in South Carolina, or elsewhere.

By the same token, it is presumed that if it should be stated that Frederick gave permission in writing for Joe Smith to publish the book of Mormon, and organize the Mormon Church, it will devolve upon the incredulous to prove that he signed no such paper.

Bro. Sherer is assured that the requirements so strictly adhered to by New York are interesting, but, valuable to Illinois, Bro. Scott and the masonic world insofar as they reflect the opinions of the best informed masonic jurists, and no farther. He is also assured, most courteously, that in Illinois, antiquity imparts no value to a gold brick, and even the fact that it may have circulated in New York before Illinois was admitted into the Union will not make it go.

As to the matter at issue, the regularity of the fourteen grand bodies named, we have the statement of the views of the two distinguished writers, Sherer and Scott, and may each decide for himself, and permit each grand lodge to decide for itself. In justification of Bro. Scott's statement above quoted, so far as the same applies to the German group of so-called grand lodges, in lieu of further comment, or explanation, the reader is referred to pages 47 to 50, "Masonic Life and Services of Joseph Robbins."

Brother THOMAS PENNEY, Grand Master, Buffalo; Brother EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, New York City.

NEW ZEALAND—1915

198 LODGES 26TH ANNUAL 13,435 MEMBERS

The book containing the proceedings of this grand lodge is well printed, and profusely ornamented, containing as it does half-tone portraits of nineteen of its officers, and past officers, consists of three hundred and ninety-five pages, and records the activities of this grand body during the year.

The twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Wellington, May 12th and 13th, 1915, at the town hall.

The members of the grand lodge present having been seated, "the grand directors of ceremonies, worshipful Bros. F. J. Hunn and Kenneth Mackenzie, then announced the most worshipful the grand master, and called the brethren to order to receive him; whereupon most worshipful

J. J. Dougall, grand master, accompanied by grand officers and past grand officers, as herein recorded, entered the hall and proceeded to the East.

"The most worshipful the grand master, having taken his seat, the grand wardens and other grand officers were conducted to their respective stations, and grand lodge was opened in ample form, at 10:20 a. m., very worshipful Bro. Rev. Thos. Porritt, past grand chaplain, invoking the blessing of the Most High. The most worshipful the grand master having been saluted with the honors due to his exalted rank, addressed the grand lodge. * * * *

And this is the manner in which they enter upon business in this far-away island grand lodge. In the grand master's address, the first subject mentioned is the war. He says—

At no time during the history of New Zealand, or indeed of the history of the British Empire have the British people been in such distress of mind as at the present time. We in New Zealand are just beginning to realize the dreadful nature of the war, and the sacrifices we shall be called to make in our endeavor to uphold the right and maintain our liberties as a nation. Day after day we read in the newspapers the names of those who may be near and dear to us, those we have known from childhood, who have grown up amongst us, but whom we may never see again, or if they return to us will come back maimed and broken, unfitted for the battle of life, sacrificed on the altar of duty.

Aside from the approval of reports and auditing of accounts of grand officers, the business of this grand lodge consists practically, in approving the action of the board of general purposes. It appears that this body administers discipline, adjusts controversies, suggests legislation, passes upon applications for dispensations and charters for new lodges, and suggests to the grand master the names of foreign representatives, and foreign correspondents, and the representatives in grand lodge are permitted to discuss the report of the action taken, and then approve, —which is generally done. A rather notable exception to the rule is reported. A brother had been elected and installed master of a lodge, and report thereof was made to the grand registrar, whose record failed to show that the brother so installed had served for twelve months as a warden as by their law required. It turned out to be the fact that the brother had been installed as senior warden, but had removed from the jurisdiction of his lodge before the expiration of the year. The board of general purposes held that he could not be said to have "served" his lodge as warden while he was away, that he was therefore ineligible to the office of master, and hence that his election and installation were null and void, and upon their recommendation the grand master deposed him from office.

Upon appeal to grand lodge from this action of the board, and the grand master, after ten pages of argument, all recorded in full, it was decided by a vote of 141 to 110 that the brother had served as a warden for twelve months, and he was restored to office accordingly.

On recommendation of the board of general purposes the grand master chartered three new lodges during the year. From the returns of lodges submitted it appears that the net gain in members during the year was two hundred and twenty-six.

Under the head of condition of lodges the report of the board shows—

That every one of the lodges had made complete returns and payments when grand lodge books were closed on the 31st of March.

The grand lodge was, apparently, much perplexed as to the position of the past master, but after extended debate settled upon the following—

When so desired the immediate past master may be included by any lodge in the list of its officers, but the immediate past master is not *ex-officio* a regular officer of the lodge.

If the grand lodge had gone further, and declared that past masters as such, whether "immediate" or remote are not officers it would have been clearer and better.

Bro. John Joseph Dougall was re-elected grand master, and an "evening sitting" was held for his installation, and the investiture of the other grand lodge officers. An elaborate programme had been arranged, including music and an address by the grand master, which recounted in epitome the history of the grand lodge. A most felicitous time was had, the national anthem was sung, and a collection was taken for the war benevolent fund, amounting to more than a thousand pounds.

In the proceedings are published a lecture on "The Freemasonry of To-day" by very worshipful Bro. H. B. Bridge; a lecture on "The Stone Masons of the Middle Ages," by very worshipful Bro. W. G. Mehaffey, which are worth while reading, and a lecture on the book of one Mrs. Blake a "female historian of freemasonry," which will do for those who like that sort of a lecture.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Sidney Clifton Bingham, and is well worth the reading. He devotes five of his one hundred and forty pages to Illinois, quoting freely from Bro. Burnap's report. He quotes what is therein said concerning the European war and makes reference to what is therein said concerning special dispensations, grand masters' conferences, cipher rituals, and Sabbath desecration. He reproduces in full the address of Bro. Goddard, responding on behalf of the representatives of foreign grand lodges near the grand lodge of Illinois.

He reproduces Bro. Scott's table of lodges containing more than one thousand members, as found in the preface to his report for 1914. Referring to this preface, he says—

The reviewer lays down certain essentials of regularity as the foundation principles required for the recognition of grand lodges, but we think he is under a misapprehension when he states that the Bible as the V. S. L. is indespensable in all regular lodges. Do not many lodges in India regard and use either the Vedas, Koran, or volume held sacred by the religion of the members? The grand lodge of Scotland certainly recognises bearers of these volumes as grand officers of their grand lodge of all Scottish freemasonry in India; and we have also the fact of an illustrious grand master of England supplying a Koran for a Mohammedan candidate to be obligated upon. Surely, under such circumstances, the phrases in our ritual which we apply to the Scriptures would in this case be applied by the candidate to the sacred volume of his own religion.

In the paragraph to which the brother takes exception, Bro. Scott announces the rule to which most grand lodges subscribe and act upon, and which is approved by more than ninety per cent of the regular masons now living, and if the learned brother read all of the paragraph he must have noticed that the exceptions he labors to prove are admitted by Bro. Scott. It may without offense be observed, as a matter of opinion, that the instances cited by Bro. Bingham in proof of the exception reflect no honor upon masonry, nor upon those responsible for bringing them about. Bro. Bingham says that—

Bro. Scott is quite right when he says that the entire fabric of New Zealand is British rather than American.

If any proof of this proposition were required, profert of the pictures of the distinguished brethren with their ornate regalia, which embellish the printed proceedings might be made.

Bro. John Joseph Dougall, Grand Master, Christchurch; Bro. Malcolm Niccol, Grand Secretary, Christchurch.

NORTH CAROLINA—1916

436 Lodges 129th Annual 25,030 Members

A neat and well printed volume of some three hundred and seventy pages contains the printed proceedings of this grand lodge, and the artistic appearance of the book is heightened by the portraits of Bro. A. B. Andrews, grand master, Bro. John C. Drewry, grand secretary, Bro. Lewis S. Williams, past grand master, and Bro. John A. Collins, committee on correspondence. The annual communication was held in Raleigh, January 18, 1916, and was opened in ample form, and presided over by Bro. F. P.

Hobgood, grand master. Thirteen past grand masters were present to dignify the assemblage, and the representatives of twenty-four foreign grand lodges were in the diplomatic circle, Bro. Leo D. Heartt, answering for Illinois. There were present also, as visitors, brethren: R. A. Cooper, grand master; W. W. Wanamaker, deputy past grand master, John W. Voorman of New York, acting grand master of Virginia; J. A. Cabell, grand master and O. Frank Hart, grand secretary, all of South Carolina, and past grand master, John H. Cowles, of Kentucky. It appears that these distinguished brethren were received with the grand honors due their several stations and were invited to seats in the East. It appears that the grand secretary, Bro. John C. Drewry, has been seriously ill, and had but recently returned from a hospital where he had undergone treatment, and immediately following the opening ceremonies the grand lodge passed resolutions, in part as follows—

That the grand lodge joyfully welcomes right worshipful John C. Drewry, grand secretary, to his home and labors; and rejoices that he comes back to us greatly improved in health and strength.

The grand master delivered an address of barely four pages, which was followed by the address of the deputy grand master, which fills thirty pages.

It appears that the grand master had been absent from the state during the last six months of his term. In a brief, but highly oratorical address he gave the grand lodge an account of his travels, and the varieties of scenery and climate characteristic of the lands visited, but says that he found nothing to compare favorably with the land he was pleased to term "The Old North State." The committee did not reverse him, and what he said was approved by the grand lodge. Whether he is an infallible judge of climate and scenery or not, some one expert in such matters must decide, but of one matter at least he is a first class judge: he says—

I do not incorporate in this brief address a list of decisions rendered, for the reason that all the questions addressed to me were old questions, many times previously answered. * * * * * And for the further reason that regulation number eighty-two provides that a decision can be made only in case of an appeal from a decision of a lodge or its master. No such appeal came to me, and consequently no decision was rendered.

Further: The grand master's judgment in the matter of special dispensations commends itself to his successors, as well as to grand jurisdictions other than North Carolina. He says—

I uniformly denied all requests for dispensations when authority was sought to do things prohibited by the constitution or regulations of the grand lodge, or to pursue courses other than those prescribed in the written law. The grand master is the creature of the grand lodge, deriving all his authority from that body, and is vested with no prerogative which might annul her laws, and edicts or contravene her avowed policy.

These are fine words.

In the address of the deputy grand Master, he announces the death during the year of Bro. Lewis Slaughter Williams, past grand master, at

the great age of ninety-one, of Bro. John A. Collins, committee on foreign correspondence, and of other brethren of local prominence. Of Bro. Collins he says—

One of the last things he did was to complete proof-reading his report for this year. His death occurred December 24, 1915.

Six dispensations to form new lodges are reported. The deputy grand master reports no less than forty-eight decisions, which would appear to render what the grand master says under the same head, as above noticed, a sort of a joke, as it is hardly conceivable that all the matters reported should have reached the deputy grand master by appeals prosecuted by masters and lodges. The decisions are all on matters involving a construction of different provisions of their code, and none of them of great consequence or particular interest to outsiders. Most of them were approved by the jurisprudence committee, but some of them were modified, and a few disapproved.

Mention is made in the address of the Oxford orphan asylum, and the Masonic and Eastern Star home. The grand lodge is concerned in the management of, and contributes to the support of both of these institutions. The former is located at Oxford, and has been in operation forty-three years. At the close of the year 1915 there were in the asylum three hundred seventy-two children, being maintained and educated for citizenship. Schools, and workshops are maintained and the boys and girls are taught to become self-supporting. The printing office and shoe-shop last year netted a considerable profit, while other enterprises for manual training were not so profitable. A singing class organized from the boys and girls in the asylum which went from town to town giving concerts where desired, brought a net balance to the credit of the asylum in the sum of $10,382.70. The total cost of maintenance last year was $46,411.51, *$20,000.00 of which was paid by the state,* and the balance by the different masonic bodies. The Masonic and Eastern Star home is located on a farm near the city of Greensboro, and was opened January 12, 1914. At date of report there were under the shelter of this home 18 brothers and 14 sisters. By means of the industries carried on at, and about the home, it is made as nearly as possible self-supporting, and the reports show that the per capita cost last year was only $9.38 per month. The brethren are justly proud of these beneficent enterprises. The George Washington Memorial Association was mentioned and commended to the grand lodge for consideration. Also, the Masonic War Relief Association was mentioned, and the grand lodge recommended to consider the matter of subscribing thereto. Some little time since the grand lodge undertook to install the card index system, and it is stated in the address that the matter is under way, and the deputy grand master takes occasion to commend the system, and to request the necessary appropriations of funds until it is in complete working order.

It appears that up to this time the inability to read and write has been no bar to receiving the degrees in North Carolina, but the deputy grand master recommended that the code be amended, requiring that "The petition must be signed by the hand of the petitioner, who must be able to read and write." No action appears to have been taken on this recommendation. The deputy grand master was of the mind, apparently, that there should be more official praying done, and recommended the amendment of the code of the grand lodge "by inserting after the word grand chaplain the words and associate grand chaplains, not exceeding seven.

The grand lodge concurred in this recommendation and passed a resolution emplowering the grand master to appoint a number, not exceeding seven associate grand chaplains, who shall not, however, be voting members of the grand lodge by reason of this appointment, thereby emphasizing the fact that additional praying force is desired, and not additional voting strength. On report and recommendation of the committee on jurisprudence the code was amended so as to read as follows—

Any part of the third degree may be conferred on more than one candidate at the same time, but only one candidate may be raised at a time.

The deputy grand master recommended this amendment, the code heretofore reading as follows—

The second second section, in its entirety must be conferred upon each candidate separately and alone.

And was far better and more coherent than the enigmatical provision adopted.

The report of the grand secretary shows the collection during the year of $26,800.05, of which the sum of $26,062.70 was on account of dues. The same report shows an apparent gain in membership during the year of 1061. Five special communications of the grand lodge are reported, to-wit: one at Fayetteville for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Confederate Women's home: (May 10th,) one at Oxford, June 24th, for the purpose of celebrating St. John's day; one at Kingston May 19th, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new post office; one at Charlotte, June 25th, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of Bro. Lewis S. Williams, P.G.M., and one at Lexington, August 26, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Fries-Reeves Institute.

On the afternoon of the second day of the session an oration was delivered before the grand lodge by Bro. H. A. Gudger, grand orator, which discloses the fact that he is well acquainted with the Sacred Writings, and more or less familiar with the writings of Dr. George Oliver, as he says that "For more than 5000 years the world has watched us." * * * * * Like Dickens' Silas Wegg, he exhibited a disposition to drop in some poetry at times, and used rather effectively some current masonic verses, having a

mellifluous and agreeable jingle. His oration is printed in full in the proceedings, and is well worthy of this place.

There is a brief, but well written report on foreign correspondence from the pen of Bro. John A. Collins, which alas! is his last, as he departed this life before its publication. His report states that the Illinois proceedings did not reach him, and hence Illinois has no place in his report, a matter much to be regretted.

Grand Master, A. B. Andrews, Jr., Raleigh; Grand Secretary, John C. Drewry, Raleigh.

NORTH DAKOTA—1916

113 Lodges 27th Annual 10,055 Members

On the frontispiece of the proceedings of this grand lodge is the picture of Bro. Harry Lord, the retiring grand master, and elsewhere the book is adorned by pictures of Bro. Halfdan Bendeke, past grand master, (deceased); Bro. Charles A. Harris, past grand treasurer, (deceased); and William W. Landis, and also cuts of two masonic temples, located at Devil's Lake and Ambrose, respectively.

The annual meeting was held in Fargo June 20, 1916, and was presided over by Bro. Harry Lord, grand master, all the other grand lodge officers being in their stations. Lending dignity to the assemblage, there were present, also, ten past grand masters, and the ambassadors from thirty-three foreign grand lodges, Bro. E. George Guthrie, the envoy from Illinois, being in his place.

The grand master's address, with exhibits, fills fifteen pages of the book, and gives a good account of the year's official activities.

In fitting terms he announced the death during the year, of Bro. Halfdan Bendeke, past grand master, and Bro. Charles A. Harris, past grand treasurer, and many other brethren of local prominence. Elsewhere, among the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions, mention is made of the decease of brethren William H. Scott and Edward Cook, past grand masters of Illinois.

The grand master reported ten special dispensations covering such cases as election of lodge officers, balloting on petitions for affiliation in less than the lawful time, and the like.

One dispensation is reported in full, and because of its unique character must be re-produced:

Whereas: It has come to our knowledge that John A. Willey, former member of Isis lodge No. 4, Matagalpa, in the so-called sovereign grand lodge of Nicaragua, desires to become a member of your lodge by affiliation; and

Whereas, There is so far as our knowledge goes no regular or legitimate grand lodge A. F. & A. M., in Nicaragua; and

Whereas, Through a misapprehension, and without intent to impose on the craft the above John A. Willey asked to visit Jamestown lodge, and was by a committee examined, and permitted to visit the same;

Therefore, That this irregularity may be cured, and the said John A. Willey healed, you are hereby authorized to receive his petition for membership accompanied by such *masonic credentials* as he may possess, and if elected you will proceed forthwith to heal him by re-obligating him in the several degrees of entered apprentice, fellow craft and master mason.

Just how, or why, the like of this should be done, is inexplicable to some of us when we remember that the grand master who signed this healing dispensation, and the master who (presumably) acted upon it, were solemnly obliagted "to respect genuine brethren, and to discontenance impostors and all dissenters from the original plan of masonry;" and "that no visitors shall be received into your lodge without due examination and satisfactory evidence of their having been initiated in a regular lodge:" and they, and all the members of Jamestown lodge were obligated to not converse upon the secrets of masonry, nor sit in lodge with a clandestine mason. On page 220, this same grand master says—

The grand lodge of England was the first permanent organization known in masonry, and all legitimate American masonry must trace its source back to the grand lodge of England.

The latter part of this statement is deemed to be strictly true, and knowing that there is no masonry, but the masonry of the ancient charges, how can he with propriety admit that a person claiming membership in a clandestine or irregular lodge could be in possession of "*Masonic credentials?*"

The grand master reported the constituting of three new lodges, the granting of dispensations for two new lodges, the laying of one corner stone and the dedication of two temples.

Three decisions were announced, all approved by the committee and the grand lodge and all of them correctly announcing the rules, but none of them of particular interest except to those concerned.

It seems that in North Dakota they publish their ritual, and the grand master reports the purchase of the plates from the publishing company by the grand lodge, and hereafter it will publish its own ritual, allowing the company a royalty. According to his report, it has been agreed that the grand lodge shall pay to the company as royalty on the ritual of the entered apprentice degree alone, of ten cents per copy, and on the ritual complete, twenty-five cents. This recital is strange reading to an old fashioned mason,

and tends to make him feel ashamed of an outfit who entertain no scruples, or compunctions about making the ancient institution appear so cheap, and common, leaving out of view our entered apprentice's obligation.

Under the head of "Reciprocal Courtesies" the grand master reports—

I have received thirteen requests from other grand jurisdictions for the conferring of degrees by courtesy. All of which were granted. I have made twenty-one requests to other grand jurisdictions to confer degrees for lodges in this grand jurisdiction by courtesy. All were very glad to comply with my requests.

The report of the grand secretary shows the colletcion of $11,299.84 on account of the general fund, and of $688.25 on account of relief fund during the year. The returns from lodges show a net increase in membership during the year of 462.

As an incentive to oratorical education this grand lodge bestows a prize annually for the best production, allowing the students of the several institutions in the state to compete, and this year the successful competitor was Mr. William W. Landis of Jamestown College. His picture appears in the proceedings as above stated, and his oration is printed in the proceedings his theme being, "The Signs of the Times."

There is also printed in the proceedings an address by Bro. Stockwell, grand secretary, which it appears was delivered at the dedicatory ceremony of a masonic temple, his theme being "Four Masonic Ideals." Both of these productions constitute high class reading.

The following resolution was adopted—

Whereas: The National Masonic Research Society, organized under the authority of the grand lodge of Iowa, has undoubtedly accomplished great good in the promotion of masonic study;

Be it Resolved, That this grand lodge endorse the National Masonic Research Society and its work, and recommend membership in this organization to the members of this grand jurisdiction.

On report and recommendation of the committee on lodges under dispensation four lodges were granted charters.

The following remarkable paragraph appears in the printed record—

Just before 2:30 P. M. a committee from the grand chapter O. E. S. of North Dakota was announced. The grand master declared the grand lodge at ease, and directed the grand junior deacon to admit the committee.

As the committee approached the altar the grand lodge was called up.

The grand matron, Mrs. Mitchell, presented the grand lodge with a very beautiful gavel, with ivory head and ebony handle and a silver plate bearing the inscription, * * * * After which the committee retired, and the grand lodge resumed labor.

On report and recommendation of the committee on constitution and by-laws, the section of their code relating to physical qualifications of candidates for the degrees was amended so as to conclude as follows—

If the physical deformity of any applicant for the degrees does not amount, aided by ordinary artificial means, to an inability to meet the requirements and honestly acquire the means of subsistence, it shall constitute no hindrance to his initiation.

In introducing this amendment it was said by the committee that—

The trend of opinion in the jurisdiction of Tennessee, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Idaho and Massachusetts is for a liberal construction of the perfect youth qualification.

The right worshipful committee must be taken in so far as the intimation is given that Illinois has in any degree changed its attitude in the matter of physical qualifications. Neither by legislative enactment, nor by judicial construction has any change of its rule in this regard been made in the last forty years, and we all hope none will be made in the next hundred years.

Believing our law is the proper construction of the land mark concerning physical fitness, we have adhered to it without change, bearing in mind always, that physical perfection is merely *symbolic* of those higher, and more important kinds of perfection, namely, moral, intellectual and spiritual.

At the annual election of officers, Bro. Alexander B. Taylor was chosen grand master, and Bro. Walter L. Stockwell was re-elected grand secretary.

There is a review of the proceedings of other grand lodges by Bro. William E. Hoover, past grand master, which consists of eighty pages of well prepared, though concise notes.

He pays his respects to the proceedings of Illinois for 1915, in fitting style, taking notice of what is said in the grand master's report concerning the royal arch memorial hospital, organizations of masons not connected with the lodge, such as employment bureaus. He takes note also of the reports showing the condition of our homes at LaGrange and Sullivan.

He reproduces the address in full of Bro. Wheeler upon his installation as grand master.

Of Bro. Owen Scott's report on foreign correspondence he says—

In his review he is very interesting. * * * *

Whereupon he quotes from Bro. Scott's table of statistics, and reproduces in full what is said concerning landmarks.

Alexander B. Taylor, Grand Master, Fargo.

Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, Fargo.

NOVA SCOTIA

74 Lodges 50th Annual 6,765 Members

A well printed volume, the fly leaf of which contains a fine picture of Bro. Donald F. Fraser, the present grand master, gives an account of the transactions of this grand lodge for the year. This is one of the few grand lodges which publishes a list of all the members of lodges, and 135 of the 465 pages of the proceedings contain names only.

The "jubilee" annual communication was held at Halifax, June 9th, 1915, and was presided over by Bro. William Medford Christie, grand master with a full corps of grand lodge officers, and a large number of past grand lodge officers present. There were present also, the representatives of twenty-seven foreign grand lodges, the envoy from Illinois, Bro. T. A. Cossman being among this number. In the grand master's address is given an epitome of his acts during the year. He sorrowfully announces the death of two past grand masters during the year, namely Bro. William Frederick MacCoy and Bro. William H. Davies. He takes note of the fact, in impressive language that the present is the fiftieth annual meeting of the grand lodge, and deplores the war in which the empire is a party contestant, with the suffering incident thereto, and suggests the raising of a fund by the grand lodge for the relief of the brethren who have volunteered, and their families. He reports twelve decisions rendered, all of which were approved by the committee on jurisprudence, save one. Most of the decisions are not particularly interesting to outsiders, but the following appear worthy of reproduction: 2. A claim was made by a lodge in, Ontario, on Royal Albert lodge (Nova Scotia), for relief furnished a member of the latter lodge, who was in embarrassed circumstances while in Ontario. The matter of the claim being referred to the grand master, he says—

I read the correspondence in reference to the matter, and wrote to the secretary in part as follows:

* * * * It is the first duty of a lodge, and of masons generally, when a person applies for relief, to ascertain whether he is worthy and in need; as the only duty a mason is called upon to perform is to supply the needs of a worthy brother in his distress. This man, having lived in, Ontario, for a considerable length of time previous to the furnishing of the relief, the masons there must have known of his bibulous habits * * * * and if they intended to make any claim on your lodge for reimbursement they should have at once communicated with your lodge. * * * * I think under the circumstances, * * * * your lodge is under no obligation masonically to pay this claim.

A correct announcement of the principle which should govern in such cases whether the indigent brother is of "bibulous" habits or otherwise. 3. In reply to a question, * * * * asking if a candidate, whose foot had

been taken off below the knee, and who wears an artificial foot can be made a mason, I replied—

No; not in this jurisdiction.

7. Can a person who, unfortunately from accident a few years ago, lost the first two fingers of the right hand, the thumb and two remaining fingers and the knuckles of all his fingers being intact, be made a mason? * * * * I have to answer in the negative.

6. A question arose * * * * in reference to the installation of the master-elect, who was in France with the 1st Canadian contingent. I * * * * telegraphed the master of the lodge I would grant dispensation for the installation of the master by proxy; the retiring master representing him at installation. I believe the master-elect was not installed. Notwithstanding the fact that this decision of the grand master was apparently not acted upon, the committee on jurisprudence, perhaps wisely, refused to concur, and report; as a guide for the future, should the same question ever arise, your committee recommend that the decision be not concurred in. The report was adopted.

The grand master reports the granting of forty, and the refusal of two, applications for special dispensations, all being for what strikes an Illinois mason as trivial purposes, twelve of those granted being to permit lodges to attend divine services in regalia, one to permit a lodge to install tyler at May meeting; one to install marshall and chaplain at next meeting, they having been unavoidably absent when the other officers were installed.

The affairs of the home maintained by the grand lodge at Windsor are reported by the grand master to be in a satisfactory condition, there being nineteen inmates, sixteen men and three women, all being kept in comfort through the beneficence of the grand lodge.

An evening session of the grand lodge was held, at which the fiftieth anniversary, or "jubilee" was celebrated in fitting style, according to an elaborate programme, consisting of music, and oratory. * * * *

One lodge was continued under dispensation.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. Thomas Mowbray, grand secretary, and was prepared with great discrimination. He devotes of his space to Illinois quite liberally. Gives in epitome an account of our celebration of our seventy-fifth anniversary; quotes from the opening remarks of Bro. Goddard on that occasion, (but calls him most worshipful Bro. *Leary* A. Goddard), quotes freely from the addresses of brethren, Scott, Bell, and Wright, entitled "*The Past,*" "*The Present,*" and "*The Future,*" respectfully, and thus gives a good idea of the felicitous time we had at the new temple in 1914. He approves of Bro. Burnap's plan for securing autobiographies of grand lodge officers,

and reproduces in full the circular letter, to that end as given in his annual report. Reference is made to what Bro. Burnap says in his report on "Sabbath desecration," and it is properly stated that his remarks anent the same are timely. He makes reference, also, to what Bro. Burnap reports in his address concerning our homes; quotes from the report of the committee on jurisprudence, what is therein stated concerning the signing of more than one petition for a dispensation, at the same time, by the same brother; and reproduces in full the resolutions adopted concerning *The Employment Bureau* of Chicago.

Grand Master, Donald Fisher Fraser, New Glasgow; Grand Secretary, Thomas Mowbray, Halifax.

OHIO—1915

541 Lodges 106th Annual 101,185 Members

A full page portrait of the incoming grand master, Bro. F. H. Marquis, is on the fly leaf of the book of proceedings, and further along is found a small picture of Bro. George L. Marshall, retiring grand master. The artistic effect of the volume is further heightened by cuts of the "girls cottage" and the hospital, erected on the home grounds and ten full page cuts of as many masonic temples, in the same number of different cities.

Among the temples or halls shown, are all kinds, judging from the exterior, from the beautiful and ornate to the common-place. Among the former, those located at Cincinnati, Zanesville and Mendon, respectively, are noticeable, and among the latter might be mentioned the one located at New Mansfield and the one at Russellville.

The annual grand communication was held at Dayton, commencing on October 20, 1915, and was opened in ample form by the grand master, Bro. George L. Marshall, the other grand lodge officers being present. Twelve past grand masters were also present, to dignify the assembly.

The grand master's annual address fills twenty-two pages, and is an interesting recital of his official acts and doings for the year.

He notes the passing of thirteen hundred twenty-nine members of Ohio lodges during the year, none of whom were of his official family.

Among the deceased of other grand jurisdictions he makes mention of the death of Bro. Edward Cook, past grand master of Illinois.

He reports the issuing of two dispensations for new lodges, the dedicating of eighteen temples, halls or lodge-rooms (most of them by proxy), and the laying of seventeen corner stones (most of them also by proxy).

He reports the arrest of one charter, and the surrender of one charter. He notes the issuance of eighty-six special dispensations during the year, most of them being for the purpose of enabling lodges to elect or install their officers at times other than provided in the by-laws, or to change the place of meeting.

Unlike many grand masters (and *"may his tribe increase"*), he appears to have been not at all ambitious to pile up a record for decisions, or rulings, but on the contrary says—

Numerous requests for an opinion or decision have been received. All have been answered by reference to the code or proceedings. In my judgment, we should not further complicate our jurisprudence with needless decisions, which are nothing more than constructions of the by-laws or code.

The grand master reports that—

Following our last grand communication it was found that at least three memorial associations, using the name McKinley were located in our state. It was also found that the McKinley chain-letter scheme had developed in other grand jurisdictions, and that our lodges were being solicited to contribute to a certain McKinley memorial project. That all might be informed of the position taken by the grand lodge of Ohio in this matter, the following letter was issued:

Without quoting the letter in full it is sufficient to say that it concludes with the statement, "That all soliciting of funds for said memorial since the year 1904, has been without the authority or sanction of this grand lodge.

From all of which it does appear that the disposition of the Ohio man to capitalize whatever promises to yield money persists, and sad to say this disposition is not peculiar to the Ohio man.

He reports the official visitation of thirty-six of the lodges in Ohio, and appropriately remarks—

I have devoted all time possible to visiting the lodges throughout the state, realizing that a visit from the grand master is equally valuable to the lodges and to himself.

The grand master closes his address with a fine peroration, from which the following is extracted—

From six lodges, and less than two hundred masons then in Ohio, we have grown to our present numbers in one hundred and six years. We have been a part of the wonderful progress made by the masonic institution throughout the world, and in an unparalleled age of invention and change have found no departure from the ancient paths. Possessed with a language and history, freemasonry has had for centuries but one mission, and that mission is to direct the minds of men to the one true, living God, and to vitalize in the highest sense, the principle of human brotherhood. Thus masonry, the hand-maiden of religion, strengthens the mason in his service to God, to his country and to humanity, and is found a living force for good

in every avenue of worthy effort. Our growth is therefore not phenomenal, but rather natural, and there can be no danger to the institution in numbers, so long as the ancient principles govern and inspire the craft.

The grand secretary's report is very complete and methodical, both as to grand lodge general accounts and statistics, and as to the statistics and accounts appertaining to the home.

From his report, together with the report of the trustees, the home at Springfield appears to be in a flourishing condition, and to be doing a great work. The cost to the grand lodge for its maintenance is something above twenty thousand dollars annually, exclusive of additions and improvements, and besides what is annually contributed by the grand chapter, royal arch masons, and the grand commandery and other bodies, which make large contributions to its maintenance. The returns from the home farm also appear to have netted above six thousand dollars last year. It appears that at date of the report there were in the home as members eighty-nine men, of the average age of 71½ years, sixty-three women of the average age of 72½ years, thirty boys of the average age of 12 years, and twenty-two girls of the average age of 11 years.

The per capita tax laid annually upon each master mason for all purposes connected with the home is forty cents.

A net gain in members of lodges in the sum of 5,110 for the year, is shown.

The report on foreign correspondence is again from the pen of Bro. Nelson Williams, past grand master, being the fifth consecutive by him written. It consists of one hundred fifty pages of well written matter, in which the proceedings of fifty-six grand lodges are reviewed.

In the exordium of his report he says that—

Rather strenuous official activities at the head of another branch of the York rite system during the past year has precluded the possibility of devoting as much time and care to review of the proceedings of our sister grand jurisdictions as a proper performance of the duties demand.

Our good brother must have had a very busy and strenuous year, so much so that he either failed to find the proceedings of the grand lodge of Illinois, or the time to treat them. It is evident that he knows that Illinois is still on the map, for in his review of the proceedings of the grand lodge of Iowa, he says—

Most worshipful Bros. Henry T. Burnap, grand master, and Owen Scott, past grand master of the grand lodge of Illinois, were introduced, received, and cordially welcomed.

Next annual meeting to be held at Springfield, October 18, 1916.

Frank H. Marquis, Mansfield, Grand Master; J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA—1916

8TH ANNUAL

The book of proceedings of this grand lodge is adorned by full page portraits of the grand master, Bro. Arthur James Weir, and the committee on correspondence, Bro. Thomas Chauncey Humphrey, the former on the fly leaf and the latter at the head of the report on correspondence.

The annual communication was opened at Oklahoma City, commencing February 14, 1916, and was closed at the masonic home in Darlington on February 16th.

The grand lodge was opened in ample form on the master mason degree by the grand master, Bro. Almer Ellis Monroney, the other grand lodge officers being in their respective places. There were present also, four past grand masters of the state of Oklahoma, eight past grand masters of Oklahoma Territory, six past grand masters of the Indian Territory, one past grand master of Arkansas, and one past grand master of Kansas. It will be remembered that between nine and ten years ago the grand lodges of Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory united, forming the grand lodge of the state of Oklahoma. The diplomatic circle was in evidence, also, at the opening, there being present the representatives of thirty-five foreign grand lodges, Bro. Fred S. Walker, the representative from Illinois, among this number. Bro. Dan S. McMillan, most worshipful grand master of Texas, was also present at the opening, and was accorded the honors appropriate to his rank. Sixteen emergent communications are reported, held in as many different towns, for various purposes, such as laying corner stones, dedication of temples, and the like.

The grand master in his annual address announced the death, during the year of brethren Alfred G. Gray, and Selwyn Douglas, both past grand masters; C. C. Ayers, past grand master of Arkansas, but affiliated with an Oklahoma lodge; James Stephen Hunt, emeritus grand secretary; William Leander Byrd, past senior grand warden, and W. G. Bristol, past deputy grand master. He reported the constituting of seven new lodges,—all by proxy.

He reported, also, the granting of six dispensations to lodges to attend divine services, and one to attend public services on Decoration Day; nineteen to elect or install officers at times other than as prescribed by the by-laws, and nine to confer degrees without regard to the statutory time. He notes the surrender, during the year, of five charters, by action of the lodges, and the arrest of one charter, and the consolidation of two lodges into one. He reports the granting of five dispensations to form new lodges.

Under the topic "questions answered," the grand master reported twenty-seven official rulings. A few are reproduced because deemed interesting or suggestive—

Q. A lodge granted a dimit to a member in 1910; continued to reside in the same city until 1914, when he was indicted by the federal authorities for certain misdeeds and would soon be tried. Claimed to have lost his dimit. Shall we grant it? (Duplicate it is presumed.)

A. As you state trial soon, do not be in a hurry about duplicate dimit. Record of lodge shows his standing, and for the good of the order let matters stand as they are until after he has had his trial.

Q. Brother convicted in lower courts of criminal offense. Should lodge proceed to try him where he has appealed to higher courts?

A. No, wait until case is fully determined. (This was disapproved by the committee on law and usage, and the grand lodge.)

Q. A dimitted master mason petitions for affiliation. Same is accompanied by dimit, received, referred in regular way to committee of investigation; during the time allowed for investigation, it developes that the applicant makes confession to being guilty of very grave unmasonic acts. Should petition be balloted on?

A. Yes, and do your duty.

Q. Can a blue lodge accompany, or go as an escort to commandery Easter services?

A. No, not as an escort, and not as a blue lodge, only by special dispensation.

Without desiring to appear captious, or to find fault with the grand master's opinion, last above quoted, it may be observed that the vocabulary of ancient craft masonry is sufficiently complete to supply the words necessary to give expression to matters masonic. Neither the ancient charges, the ritual of any regular grand lodge, nor the constitution or laws of any regular grand lodge contain any account, or mention of a blue lodge. The use of "sky-scraper" terminology in lodge matters, while it serves to advertise the fact that one has taken a great many degrees, has the effect to confuse those of us who have not had the benefit of the learning therein imparted. How can we know the why's and wherefore's of a "blue lodge"?

In Oklahoma it appears that a petition for affiliation, accompanied by a dimit more than one year old cannot be received by a lodge without permission from the grand master, and during the year, eight petitions accompanied by dimits above one year old, had been ordered received, and two denied. In explanation of his action in this class of cases, the grand master said—

Early in my administration, cases were put before me where the petitioners had advised the brethren that his sole object in affiliating was to gain the benefits of our masonic home, and he desired to make application, to be admitted at once, or as soon as permissible under our masonic law.

I have taken the position that our masonic home is the ultimate conclusion and the finality in the distribution of organized charity and relief,

and further that the revenue to support it is derived from the constituen lodges through their fees and dues of their membership, that a man cannot expect to get anything more out of an institution than he puts into it, and that it is necessary that we should know and be satisfied as to why a membe had carried a dimit for a certain number of years. * * * *

The situation cited by the grand master furnishes another illustratio of the law that has for hundreds of years embarrassed humanitarians, viz "The more elaborate the facilities for the care of dependents, the greate will be the number of dependents."

The grand master reports correspondence had with the masonic wa relief association of the U. S., with the masonic relief association o the U. S. and Canada, and his attendance at the meeting held in Indian apolis, and correspondence had with the George Washington memorial association.

He speaks in commendatory terms of the "masonic research" habit which is becoming general, and notes that he has approved "several re quests from lodges, permitting them to have lectures and illustrated view in their lodge rooms for the benefit and information of the brethren.* * * *

Concerning the home he says—

Each succeeding year is putting us in better shape at the home i every way. Experience in managing, raising and training the children t learn useful vocations, and to guide them mentally, morally and physically so that they will become good and useful citizens, and tenderly and suitably care for the old people, has taught us many things that work out t our advantage in different ways. * * * *

It elsewhere in the proceedings appears that the home is located i Darlington, on the north bank of the North Canadian river, that it consists of six hundred seventy-four acres of fine land, of the value, with the equipment, of $178,643.40, and that the cost of maintenance last year, i addition to the products of the farm was $23,796.45; the profits from the farm, being in the sum of $5,727.35. There were in the home on February 1, 1916, 160 members, 26 adults, and 134 children.

Upon report and recommendation of the committee on correspondence the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands was extended fraternal recognition. The committee makes mention of the protest of the "Great Local Lodge of Filipinos No. 2, as translated for the committee, but correctly concludes that it furnishes no reason why the regular grand lodge should not be recognized. On report and recommendation by the same committee the grand lodge declined to recognize the national grand lodge of France, the committee citing in support of its recommendation the answers of the grand master of the so-called grand lodge of France to the interrogatories propounded by Bro. Gallagher, of the grand lodge of Massachusetts, as referred to in the review of Massachusetts.

There is a beautiful report on Necrology, in which, with other illustrious dead, mention is made of the passing of Bro. Edward Cook, past grand master of Illinois.

The occasion was enlivened by an oration by Bro. Woodson E. Norvell, grand orator, which, in its way was anything rather than commonplace. He chose for his subject "Master Builders," and his treatment of it was very fine. Much of it would bear reproduction but for want of space the following fragments must suffice—

It may well be asserted as a demonstrated fact that the labor exerted in the chiseling of marbles, the finishing of granites, and the rearing of the most endurable walls, is unimportant, as compared with the great work in which we may all engage—the building of character. In speaking today of the master builders I shall not consider freemasonry from its ancient position as an operative art, but intend to suggest its potential in the world's affairs—to deal with its present, not its past. Every man in this vast auditorium is acquainted with its lessons, and familiar with its purposes; and so I ask of each: Are you a master builder? The ancient Iranians believed that Zoroaster stood in the presence of God Almighty and asked, "Which is best among the creatures of earth?" and received the Divine reply: "The man whose heart is pure, excels among his fellows." In this simple story of an early religious faith is found the standard by which masons measure men; and I now inquire again: "Are you a master builder?" * * * *

It is to be regretted that the public mind is being agitated by thoughts of the possibility of war; a war that cannot come except by our own making. I hear the voice of Elbert Hubbard rising from his tomb in the vasty deep and ringing above the breakers of the storm swept seas: "The soldier and the priest have ruined every land they have governed." In this epigram is summed up the experience of six thousand years.

From the report of the grand lecturer, it appears that they hold a grand school of three days duration just before the annual meeting of the grand lodge, and of the one held this year he says—

The grand school of instruction just closed has been a success. We have had an average daily attendance of 358, and most all have been present during the entire school. In addition to this, he reports that there were 198 schools held during the year, 45 by the grand lecturer personally, and the balance by deputy grand lecturers.

Continuing, the grand lecturer says—

Most of these schools have been well attended by the officers and brethren, who worked diligently in the ritual and floor work, and the reports of the instructors show that 67 lodges have the work good, 114 fair and 17 poor.

There has been paid to the instructors by the lodge instructed, in railroad fare and hotel bills, $1,786.11; by the grand lodge as per diem, $5,012.00, including the salary of the grand lecturer, making a total of $6,798.11. This is a large amount, but we feel sure that the money has been well spent.

All of which tends to give rise to the suggestion that whoever invents a better system of instruction than that which Illinois has for many years followed will do well to have it patented without delay.

The report of the grand secretary contains a mass of details, but is lacking in method. He furnishes no way of telling how many lodges they have, nor the present membership. It would appear that they have about 440 lodges with a membership of from 20,000 to 30,000, but from the printed proceedings neither can be told with certainty. There is no index to the proceedings, which makes trouble for the reviewer.

Bro. Arthur James Weir was elected grand master and Bro. William Moses Anderson was re-elected grand secretary.

On the morning of the third day of the session the grand master called the grand lodge from labor to refreshment to meet at the chapel of the masonic home at Darlington, for the purpose of installing the grand lodge officer. Members of grand lodge and grand chapter O. E..S. went. Concerning this trip to the home the account continues—

A special train was provided, consisting of nine coaches, and 762 fares were sold at Oklahoma City. Many more joined the party at El Reno, having come from points north and south of that place. The train was stopped at the closest point to the home, a short distance east of Ft. Reno, and three fourths of a mile south of the steel bridge which spans the North Canadian river, and which is the south gateway into the home. * * * *

After a visit and inspection of the several departments of the home the grand lodge re-convened in the chapel of the home, where the grand lodge officers were installed. A beautiful and ornate past grand master's jewel was presented to the retiring grand master, whereupon the grand lodge was closed.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. Thomas Chauncey Humphrey, past grand master, and consists of eighty pages only, of very readable matter.

He devotes two pages to a review of Illinois, for 1915. Quotes from what Bro. Burnap said anent the gentleman who had requested him as grand master to relieve him of the attentions of the lady, who as he supposed was a member of the O. E. S.; of the wife who demanded the summary expulsion of her husband, and the gentleman who desired to be made a mason at sight, offering to pay the usual fee.

He mentions the felicitous introduction by the grand master of Bro. Anderson, grand secretary of Oklahoma, and quotes the remarks made on this occasion. He says—

Brother Owen Scott of Decatur as heretofore, wielded the reviewer's pen. * * * *

He proceeds to quote liberally from the report on correspondence.

The next annual will be held at Oklahoma City, February, 1917.

M.W. Grand Master, Bro. ARTHUR JAMES WEIR, Hugo; R.W. Grand Secretary, Bro. WILLIAM MOSES ANDERSON, Oklahoma City.

OREGON—1916.

143 LODGES 66TH ANNUAL 14,779 MEMBERS

The volume containing the printed proceedings of this grand lodge is ornamented by a full page portrait of the retiring grand master, brother Frank J. Miller, on the frontispiece, and the counterfeit presentment of the American flag, on page 93, and contains the record of the transactions of the grand lodge at five "occasional" grand communications, and the annual communication, the last named appearing to have been held at Albany, commencing June 7, 1916. Of the occasional communications above mentioned, two were for the purpose of constituting new lodges, two for the purpose of laying corner stones and one for the purpose of dedicating a masonic hall.

At the annual, the grand lodge was opened in ample form, and presided over by the grand master, brother Frank J. Miller, the other grand lodge officers being in their several stations.

Sixteen past grand masters graced the occasion, and the representatives of twenty-six foreign grand lodges were in the diplomatic circle, brother W. T. Wright, the representative of Illinois, being in his place.

The grand master's address fills twenty one pages and recounts his official acts and doings, and treats of a number of matters deemed of interest. Under the head of "necrology" he sharply challenges the doctrine of Dr. Osler, saying—

Do not think because your hair is gray, the bloom departed from your cheek, and the luster from your eye, that you should spend all your time in an easy chair, or be permitted to recline in idleness beneath the shade of your vine and fig tree. There is yet work for you to do. * * * * So long as we are in possession of our faculties and while life lasts there is work for us to do. * * * *

Continuing he says—

While none of our officers, or past grand officers have been summoned by the Supreme Architect to labor in that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, yet many of our constituent lodges have been caused to mourn the loss of dearly beloved members. * * * *

Among the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions, he makes mention of brethren, Edward Cook and William H. Scott, past grand

masters of Illinois. He reported twelve decisions. In the first he decided that—

A candidate having received his Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, but who prior to taking the Master Mason's degree met with an accident resulting in the loss of his left arm above the elbow, is entitled to the third degree.

In the fourth he decided that—

A candidate who has lost the thumb of his right hand should be rejected.

In the decision numbered 12, he decided that—

An applicant who has his right leg amputated six inches below the knee, who has an artificial foot which he uses with ease, who is in all other respects well fitted, and is capable of easily and readily giving and receiving the instructions contemplated by our statutes should not be disqualified.****

These three were approved by the committee on jurisprudence, and the grand lodge.

The grand master reported special dispensations issued as follows: thirteen to elect or install lodge officers at times other than as by the by-laws prescribed; nine to confer degrees in less than the statutory time; five to change place of meeting; one to confer master mason's degree on a brother who became maimed while a fellow craft; two to waive law as to residence on candidates in the employment of the United States; and one to waive time of residence as to candidate in Government employment. He concludes this recital with an account of his visiting one lodge personally, and causing the lodge to be opened at the house of the master, "Who was aged and infirm, and feeling that he might never be privileged to sit in his lodge with his brethren, * * * * to assist in the opening and closing ceremonies of his chosen order. On this occasion the brethren took advantage of possibly the last opportunity they would have, and a past master's jewel was presented to this worthy brother."

Under the head of "authorizations" the grand master reports that he permitted two lodges to incur an indebtedness in the sum of $600.00 each one to purchase a lot, on which they hope to be able to erect a Temple, and the other for the purpose of repairs and improvements of their lodge room.

Under the topic of "grand master's conferences," the grand master says—

By resolution of this grand lodge duly passed at our last Grand *Convocation*, I was authorized and empowered to invite, convene and during their session entertain in this jurisdiction, a general conference of grand masters, similar in character to the one held in St. Louis. (1914) Preliminary to complying with these instructions and in conformity with the resolution passed by the last conference of grand masters, I directed our grand secretary to write to the several members of the above mentioned committee, asking their opinion as to the advisability of calling such a

conference. Only two of the committee answered, one favorably, the other unfavorably. Being anxious to comply with your instructions, I directed the grand secretary to write to the grand masters of the several jurisdictions, and ascertain how many would attend in person, or send representative to such a conference. Letters were sent to 57, and replies received from 43 jurisdictions. Seven jurisdictions, including our own, were favorable to such a conference, and promised to be represented; thirty were opposed, seven uncertain, and fourteen did not answer. A recital of the facts in connection with the attempted calling of this conference is admirably summed up by the following quotation from the parable of the wedding feast prepared by the King, as related by St. Matthew: And he sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding; and they would not come. Again he sent forth other servants, saying: Tell them which are bidden, Behold I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready; come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one of them to his farm, another to his merchandise. And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

Further quotation however of this interesting parable is not permissable, for no such drastic measures as are accredited to the King were attempted.

This recital and quotation by the grand master, (which for the rest of us has a sort of humorous tinge,) is followed by a specious plea for the holding of grand master's conferences, and squinting strongly in the direction of a general grand lodge. During the session a letter from brother Charles N. Mikels, past grand master of Indiana, claimed the attention of the grand lodge. From this letter the following is extracted—

In order that you may take a position which some of the rest of us can adopt, please do three things, or four:

1. Declare for a general grand lodge of free and accepted masons of the United States of America. * * * *

2. Adopt the declaration of purposes contained in the inclosed manuscript. * * * *

3. Change the name *Hoosier*, in the message from the flag, to Oregon, and put it in your printed proceedings so that your members may get it.

4. To get a standardized badge which clandestine Masons cannot use, adopt inclosed badge, with *Indiana* changed to *Oregon*. It will be a general grand lodge badge when we have a general grand lodge. * * * *

The part of the grand master's address above quoted, and the suggestions contained in brother Mikel's letter, were promptly responded to. Upon report and recommendation by a committee, the grand lodge adopted the following—

Whereas, a motion has been passed at this session that this grand lodge and subordinate lodges procure and display the Flag of our Country in the lodge rooms; Therefore be it, Resolved that a committee of three past grand masters be appointed by the grand master to arrange a suitable flag ceremony to be used upon its presentation in the grand lodge, as well as in the subordinate lodges; and further be it resolved, that the ceremonies be made a part of the proceedings of this session, and that it immediately be put in use.

The grand lodge upon like recommendation adopted the following—

We further advocate, not only a grand master's conference, but, a grand masters' and past grand masters' conferences to be regularly held, biennially or quadrennially, as further developments shall best suggest, as a clearing house for all matters of interest to the several jurisdictions in the United States, Canada and Mexico. * * * *

We reaffirm our judgment in favor of the creation and establishment of a national grand lodge; but we believe that *evolution* is infinitely better than *revolution.*

Formerly, to be particularly demonstrative concerning the flag, was taken as indicating a patriotic willingness to serve the country in a lucrative office, to become the recipient of a U. S. pension, or in some manner get a living off of the country. Lately it has become a fad, as it would appear, in the nature of a protest against *Hyphenated Americanism,* and thus understood, it is not at all unbecoming that the flag should be given a place in lodge ceremonies, and lodge paraphernalia. It should be understood, however that ancient craft masonry is the prophet and evangel of an altruism universal in its scope, and which cannot be adequately represented by any mere national ensign. The mason is a citizen of the world, and the brother of all good men.

As to the general grand lodge which our Oregon brethren see as an *evolution,* it is presumed that they regard themselves, and brother Mikels, as the primordial germ, or protoplasm, and are in expectation of absorbing the balance of the masonic world. The suggestion is made that the organic processes of absorption and assimilation are generally slow, but perhaps they are willing to wait. Further comment is suppressed, for the reason that the Oregon reviewer cannot lawfully talk back.

Under the head of "lodge buildings," the grand master expressed himself forcibly against the building of fine and ostentatious lodge halls, and failing to give adequate attention to charity. He also recommended that lodges be inhibited from incurring any indebtedness without the consent of the grand master. Accordingly an amendment was proposed, to be voted on at the next annual, as follows—

Section 134. No lodge shall lend money to a member thereof, nor shall any lodge incur any indebtedness for building a new temple in excess of that authorized by the grand master or the grand lodge trustees.

Immediately following the appointment of committees, the grand master, on learning that the grand high priest of the royal arch chapter of Oregon, and the prelate of the grand encampment K. T. of the United States were present introduced them, in turn to the grand lodge, and both of them made addresses.

If any representative of either the F. M. B. A. or the Knights of Columbus was present no mention is made of the fact.

The grand secretary's report is well arranged, and shows the collection, during the year, of the sum of $20,727.79, of which the sum of $17,003.00 was for grand lodge dues. The same report shows a net increase in membership during the year of 564.

On report and recommendation of the committee on charters and dispensations one new lodge was granted a charter, one a dispensation and one was refused a dispensation.

In the forenoon of the second day of the session, the grand orator, brother W. J. Kerr, was introduced, and delivered a short but interesting masonic address, which by order of the grand lodge is printed in the proceedings and is well worthy of the place.

The committee on appeals and grievances reported the rather remarkable case of a brother who while acting as master of his lodge, had been expelled from membership therein, after trial by his lodge. On recommendation of the committee the case was dismissed without prejudice, the committee properly holding that the lodge had no jurisdiction to entertain charges against a brother while holding this office.

Brother Will Moore of Pendleton was elected grand master, and brother Jas. F. Robinson was re-elected grand secretary.

A committee was appointed to consider and report on the place of holding the next annual meeting of the grand lodge, there being applications from many of the cities of Oregon. After a majority report, a minority report, and many speeches, Portland was agreed upon as the place, and June 13, 1917, as the time for holding the next annual.

The report on correspondence is by brother David P. Mason, and contains 175 pages. The matter of his review is well arranged, but like Michigan, the laws of this grand lodge prohibit comments upon the transactions of other grand lodges by the reviewer.

In his opening statement he says—

I herewith present my report as correspondent for the current year, which you will find to be a review of the proceedings of all English-speaking jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal relations.

In view of the fact that Illinois has no place in his report this statement appears at this great distance to be somewhat incongruous. Maybe our good brother was "queered" by the printer or binder, as pages 161 to 175, inclusive, are duplicated in the volume on this table, and by a similar inadvertence some part of his report may have been left out.

Brother Will More, Grand Master, Pendleton; Brother Jas. F. Robinson, Grand Secretary, No. 388 Yamhill St., Portland

PENNSYLVANIA—1915

497 Lodges 129th Annual 120,576 Members

The attractive book of proceedings of this grand lodge contains a fine picture of the masonic temple, at Philadelphia, and a portrait of Bro. James Milnor, grand master of Pennsylvania from 1806 to 1813. It contains a record of the proceedings of four quarterly communications, held, respectively, on March 3, 1915; June 2, 1915; September 1, 1915 and December 1, 1915, and the annual grand communication, held on Deecember 27, 1915, all of which were opened in ample form, and presided over by Bro. T. Henry Williams, right worshipful grand master.

At the first three quarterly meetings above mentioned, but little was done save routine business, such as the reports of committees, and the like, and at the first, only one hundred seventy-nine lodges were represented; at the second one hundred fifty lodges were represented, and at the third one hundred forty-three lodges were represented.

At the fourth quarterly, however occurred the annual election of officers, and at this meeting four hundred forty-five lodges were represented. The result of the election was the selection of Bro. Louis A. Watres as right worshipful grand master, and the re-election of Bro. John A. Perry as grand secretary.

At the annual, held December 27th, there were one hundred thirty-four lodges represented, and at this meeting the grand master delivered an address, recounting the activities of the year.

This occasion was honored by the presence of many distinguished visitors from abroad, among whom, were the grand master of New York, Bro. George Freifeld, accompanied by the grand treasurer, grand marshal, right worshipful judge advocate,—whatever that may be,—and ten of his district deputy grand masters; Bro. Thomas Wilbur Hennen, grand master of W. Va.; and Bro. Edward M. Searing, grand master, Bro. Josiah W. Ewan, past grand master, Bro. Theodore B. Townsley, grand secretary, and Bro. Robert A. Sherrefs, committee on foreign correspondence, all of New Jersey.

The grand master in his address notes the death of many brethren of local prominence, during the year, but none within the immediate ranks of the grand lodge officers. He reports the constituting during the year of five new lodges, three by proxy and two in person.

He announced that he had issued twelve special dispensations during the year, all for the purpose of holding elections to fill vacancies occasioned by death, or removal from office, and that he had steadily and repeatedly

declined to issue such dispensations under any other circumstances. He reported the laying of ten corner stones, five in person and five by proxy. He reports that he visited during the year eighty of the lodges of Pennsylvania, and attended the communications of three foreign grand lodges, namely: New York, New Jersey and Delaware. He reports a number of decisions, most of them giving his construction of their "Ahiman Rezon," and none of them of very great consequence except to those concerned. Two of them are interesting; namely—

Directed the secretary of Warren lodge No. 240 not to furnish information requested as to the standing of a member of said lodge, to the secretary of a chapter of the order of the Eastern Star, and admonished him to govern himself according to the decisions of my predecessors, and

Decided that our *guests* at the homes must not become members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and further directed that certain activities in this connection cease *immediately.*

At this great distance there is no apparent reason why the distinguished brother should be so "shy" of the order of the Eastern Star. In the grand master's report, (Illinois) 1915, Bro. Burnap gave an account of having received a letter from a gentleman, requesting the grand master to relieve him of the annoying and undesirable attentions of a lady, alleged to be a member of the order of the Eastern Star, as will be remembered. Can it be possible that Bro. Williams has had an experience similar to that which this gentleman complained of, that has caused him to become so "peeved" with the order?

In addition to the decisions reported, the grand master makes mention of quite a number of "edicts," which he, himself classifies as,

1. Those relating to the healing of unlawful actions by the lodge.
2. Those relating to petitioners.
3. Those relating to persons unlawfully made in other jurisdictions.

Of the first class the following is reproduced—

Healed the unlawful action of Beta lodge No. 647, in passing to the degree of fellow craft mason Brother Lester H. Keim, before a masonic month had elapsed.

Among those of the second class is the following—

Declared the petition of Wesley H. Cox presented to Michael Arnold lodge No. 636, null and void, for the reason that the petitioner has no permanent place of residence.

Of the grand master's third class of "edicts" the following appears.

Olaf Cunling Carlton, made a mason in Sojourners lodge, Cristobal, Canal Zone, Isthmus of Panama, jurisdiction of Massachusetts, while inquiry was pending, and without surrender of jurisdiction being first granted by the grand master of Pennsylvania.

Concerning schools, the grand master says—

Two schools of instruction have been established during the year, one at Williamsport under the direction of Brother S. Carbon Wolfe, district deputy grand master, and the other with a membership of over 300 at

Pittsburg, to be known as the north side school of instruction, under the direction of Brother James McLaren, district deputy grand master. The principal instructor of the work, Brother William B. Joslyn, reports the usual interest in the work in the temple school of instruction at Philadelphia. On my visitation to the school March 2, 1915, the three degrees were correctly rehearsed before the grand officers in the presence of a very large number of brethren.

In commendation of the district deputy grand masters, he says—

Again I record my appreciation of the labors of the district deputy grand masters. Almost uniformly their work has been satisfactory to the craft. Almost all of them read and understand the Ahiman Rezon and are familiar with the digest of decisions. They have saved the grand master almost all unnecessary labor.

He mentions the matter of the George Washington memorial association, and reports the attendance of his proxy at the meeting held in Alexandria, in February 1915. He says—

Sixty-four memberships ($100.00 each,) were allotted to this jurisdiction; 11 only have availed themselves of the privilege; 53 are yet to be taken. Some jurisdictions have made contributions from their funds. It is a source of regret that owing to the many demands upon us for charity within our borders, that we are not in a position to use our funds for the purpose, but there is nothing to deter the individual members from taking part in this worthy object.

Concerning the homes the grand master says—

As the years go by, the utility and beauty of our homes at Elizabethtown will become more and more apparent. The voice of thanksgiving and appreciation ascends in grateful paeans to the Great Architect of the Universe for the manifold blessings we and ours receive. The thought, the ideal, the inception was sublime; the fruition is so acceptable and beneficial that we would wonder it was not accomplished before, but that we know the reason why. It appears that there were in the homes on November 15, 1915, two hundred forty-five "*guests,*" namely, 79 unaccompanied men; 73 unaccompanied women; 29 married couples; 19 boys and 16 girls. The cost of maintenance and operating the homes for the last year was $90,305.00.

The grand master made his final bow to the grand lodge in felicitous style. He says—

To all those who for the benefit of the craft have worked with me during the two years of my administration I am deeply greatful. The loyal sympathy that has been so universally accorded is sufficient testimony that that which has been done touched a sympathetic chord. It is a great work in which we are engaged, that of building up the enduring structure of human character; that of searching for the everlasting truths of human happiness and of passing them on to those bound to us by the bonds of the mystic tie. May our fraternity continue in the work until all men are joined in one universal brotherhood in which strife is unknown, and peace forever abides.

THE KING IS DEAD:—LONG LIVE THE KING.

Immediately following the grand master's address, occurred the installation of grand lodge officers.

From the character of the published address of the incoming grand master upon installation he should give his grand lodge a great administration. He appears to have a level head, considerable ability and taste. The following is extracted—

Our future is full of promise, depending only upon our loyalty to Truth and our devotion to the high ideals of the ancient usages, customs and landmarks of our fraternity. We have deep cause for gratitude—and a pardonable pride. If we entertain a spirit of the latter however, let us have a care that it shall not be because of our large membership of 120,000, or of our 497 lodges, or of our vested resources of approximately four and one-half millions, or of our sacred trusts amounting to over one and one half millions, but rather because of the foundations upon which we rest, the masonic virtues that govern us, the ties of brotherhood that bind us, the high character of the men who constitute the craft in our great jurisdiction. We are jealous, and properly so, that physical perfection shall be insisted upon as a prerequisite to membership. This is as it should be, and this insistence must not be relaxed. But moral rectitude is far more important. * * * * * * * * I would rather a man be lame in both his feet, like Mephibosheth of old, than that he should be morally lame—morally defective. A note of warning should be sounded in this regard, lest our doors be thrown too widely open, lest freemasonry be too cheap. * * * * * * Great credit is due to the instructors of our schools. Their labors are fully appreciated. The brethren who by their effort and sacrifice, have attended the schools have placed the fraternity under obligations to them. It is of inestimable value that the work shall be handed down in its purity and accuracy, and service along these lines must not be relaxed. It is pointed out however that the time has arrived when greater effort should be put forth to bring out the real meaning of our work. Its purity of expression and lofty ideals need to be carefully studied and clearly understood, the better enabling us to work impressively, that the far-reaching lessons taught therein may make a deeper and more lasting impression upon those who are admitted. There must be no slackening of zeal as to the letter, but there should be added enthusiasm in laying emphasis upon the spirit of freemasonry. * * * * * * In the letter of instructions prepared this day, which will be sent to the district deputies, will be included directions providing that whenever a stated meeting of a lodge shall be opened, the ancient charges for opening shall be given, and when a stated meeting shall be closed the ancient charges for closing shall be said. Nor will it suffice that these charges be read; they must be committed to memory by the master and wardens, and given with the same impressiveness and deliberation as any other part of the work. It may be said by some that this will require much valuable time, and become an old story. The same might be said of the Lord's Prayer, the Sermon on the Mount, the Ten Commandments, or David's beautiful and helpful Nineteenth Psalm. * * * * * * Initiation into our mysteries does not make a mason of a man. He must have the eternal principles of our fraternity written in his heart and stamped upon his forehead. It is not enough that he should give the step; he must live the life.

The financial and statistical reports of the grand secretary are quite methodical and complete.

From the table of returns from lodges it appears that the gain in membership for the year was 5,116.

The roster of officers and members of committees shows that there was a committee on foreign correspondence last year, and that such committee was appointed for next year, but there is no report of such committee in the printed proceedings, nor is there any mention of such report.

Louis A. Watres, Grand Master, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia; John A. Perry, Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—1916

6 Lodges 4th Annual 701 Members

The book containing the proceedings of this grand lodge is adorned by a full page portrait of the retiring grand master, Bro. George Rogers Harvey, and is a well printed, methodically arranged volume.

The Annual Communication was held at Manilla February 8, 1916, and was opened in ample form, and presided over by the grand master, assisted by the other grand lodge officers. Three past grand masters, and the representatives of twenty-two foreign grand lodges were present to dignify the assemblage. The envoy from Illinois does not appear to have been present.

The members of the diplomatic circle were conducted to the altar and welcomed by the grand master in cordial and appropriate terms. In the opening of his annual address the grand master says—

It has been a year of active labor, and unprecedented prosperity has attended the efforts of the craft in this grand jurisdiction. Our lodges all show a good growth, and a healthy financial condition, and we have made a net gain of 119 in our membership. While we give thanks and rejoice in our own well-being, and are especially grateful that we live in a land of peace and good will toward men, yet we are not unmindful of the fact that many of our brethren beyond the seas have been surrounded by the wreck and ruin of war and bloodshed. Our hearts go out to them in sympathy, and we hold ourselves in readiness to contribute our mite to the relief of the distressed when the opportunity offers.

With appropriate expressions of sorrow the grand master announced the death, during the year of Bro. Burton Whitcomb, deputy grand master, and of other brethren of local prominence.

The grand master reports the constituting of two new lodges, and the issuing of one dispensation to form a new lodge.

He re-produces in full, and comments on the protest of the "Regional grand lodge of The Philippines No. 2 "which was addressed to all the

grand lodges generally, and the correspondence had with other grand bodies with reference to this protest is noted. That part of the correspondence had with the committee of the grand lodge of Massachusetts is reproduced, shows, as in the review of Massachusetts stated, that the latter was induced to ignore the protest, and extend recognition to the regular body. Under the head of ''Decisions'', the grand master says—

Our constitution is so plain, complete and comprehensive, and the masters of our lodges are so well informed on masonic law, that little difficulty is experienced in solving the questions which arise in the administration of the affairs of the lodges. Only one formal request for a decision has been received during the past year, and it was as follows: Whether, or not a past master's jewel to be presented to a retiring master, or photographs of past masters ,or officers of a lodge, the photograph to become the property of the lodge, may be purchased with funds set aside in accordance with the provisions of the constitution for purposes of entertainment and the promotion of fraternal intercourse.

The grand master decided in the affirmative.

One special dispensation, only, was announced, to receive, and ballot upon the petition of an officer in the U. S. army who had not resided within the jurisdiction of the lodge the required time.

The official visitation of all the lodges during the year is reported by the grand master, some of them, more than once.

The grand master reports the laying of one corner stone, to-wit, that of the new masonic temple in Manilla. Following the ceremonies an address was delivered by Bro. W. H. Taylor, which is printed in the proceedings, and is well worth the reading.

Under the topic ''Attitude of the grand lodge of Scotland,'' the grand master says—

Last year this office reported certain correspondence with regard to the lodges in the Philippine Islands holden under the grand lodge of Scotland, and same was published in the proceedings.

Considerable criticism of Scotland resulted by the reviewers, and of an uncomplimentary nature. The attitude therein expressed was not borne out by the later action of the grand lodge of Scotland when that grand lodge recognized the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands as the Sovereign grand lodge for the Philippines. * * * *

Learning that a new lodge was being formed in Manilla and that request had been forwarded to the grand lodge of Scotland for a dispensation, a cablegram was on May 3, 1915, sent with the approval of our most worshipful grand master, protesting against the granting of further charters to new lodges in the Philippines under Scotland.''

Replying to this protest the grand secretary of the grand lodge of Scotland wrote a letter, in part as follows:

''Such an application did in fact reach us, duly signed by the requisite number of brethren in good standing, but they have been informed that the prayer of the petition cannot be granted. Grand lodge of Scotland has ex-

tended fraternal recognition to the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands and you may rely on its adhesion to the spirit as well as the letter of its recognition. On the other hand this grand lodge expects that the rights and standing the the existing Scottish lodges in the islands, will in adhesion to the terms of the recognition be fully respected by the grand lodge of the Philippines. Indeed I take it to be the meaning of the reference in your letter to these two lodges, that you treat our sovereignity over them as remaining unimpaired.

If Scotland has recognized the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands, as this letter intimates, their printed proceedings do not show it, and it is evident that the recognition extended is conditioned upon their being permitted to retain what they have there, that is that sovereignty shall to this extent be divided with the grand lodge of Scotland. In Queensland, however, the same grand lodge not only retains all she ever had, but keeps up the game of planting new lodges.

The only thing the printed proceedings of the grand lodge of Scotland show concerning the Philippine Islands is the pounds, shillings and pence remitted, and the pounds, shillings and pence in arrears, by the lodges of those Islands. Letters like the one quoted may pass between the two grand lodges, but while the pounds, shillings and pence flow in the direction of Scotland she will not willingly let loose of any thing she there holds, no more than she will let loose in Queensland.

As tending to show that, thus early in its history the grand lodge has established the circulation office, the grand master reports a number of degrees conferred by lodges in foreign grand jurisdictions, at his request of the grand masters of foreign grand jurisdictions. Among the latter, he reports that Island lodge, at the instance of the grand master of Illinois, conferred the degrees of F. C. and M. M. on a candidate for Doric lodge No. 319 of Moline, Ill.

The annual oration was delivered by Bro. William Hendrickson Taylor, and it consisted of a learned dissertation on the "Three Lesser Lights".

At the annual meeting in 1915 the grand lodge took action forbidding the lodges of its obedience to have fraternal intercourse, or to recognize as masonic, Minerva lodge in Manilla, then acting under a dispensation from the "Grand Oriente Lusitano Unido of Portugal." This action was taken apparently on the supposition that the dispensation was dated subsequently to the formation of the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands, and this on investigation by a committee appointed by the grand master proved to be a mistake. The grand master thinking it was wrong to put the ban of non-intercourse upon Minerva lodge without first giving it a chance to surrender to Portugal its dispensation and receive a dispensation from the grand lodge of the Philippines revoked this order of the grand lodge.

It is not perceived, at this great distance just how this can be done, —by the power and authority in him vested, it is presumed—but he did it.

That part of the grand master's address reporting this action was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, and on its recommendation was approved. The "Cipher Ritual" grafters have thus early found their way to this baby grand lodge, as would appear from the following, which was introduced and adopted—

Resolved: that this grand lodge prohibit the use or possession by any mason of this jurisdiction of any key or cypher, appertaining to the work or ritual of the fraternity and that any mason having such key or cypher in his possession be required to surrender the same to the grand secretary.

Be it further resolved, that it is a masonic offense for any mason except the grand lecturer to possess any key or cypher to the ritual; but that this shall not apply to any authorized publication of the grand lodge.

This matter came before the grand lodge on the report of the grand lecturer, who says—

I have made frequent visits to each lodge during the year and the exemplification of the work has been very satisfactory. I regret to say that in one or more of the lodges there has been a tendency to electioneer for officers. This, as we all know is unmasonic, very detrimental to the fraternity and should not only be discouraged, but stopped absolutely. Another bad practice has recently become altogether too prevalent. It is that of using ciphers or keys of our ritual. Quite a number of brethren have obtained keys from a publishing company in the states. * * * *

The report of the grand secretary shows the collection, and payment to the grand treasurer of $2,428.40 on account of the general fund, and of $306.50 of the charity fund. Bro. William H. Taylor was elected grand master, and Bro. Newton C. Comfort was re-elected grand secretary.

There is a well arranged report on foreign correspondence from the pen of Bro. Newton G. Comfort, grand secretary, consisting of one hundred forty-four pages of very readible matter. Three pages are devoted to a review of Illinois for 1915.

He characterizes the grand master's report as a "Notable address" and quotes extensively from the report, noting the dedication of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at the home, the adoption of the report of the committee on music, and bequests for the use of the Home. * * * * Of Bro. Owen Scott he says—

The review is by Bro. Owen Scott and is recognized as one of the best productions of the Round Table, whereupon he extracts a full page from the report.

Bro. William Hendrickson Taylor, Grand Master, Manila; Bro. Newton C. Comfort, Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 990, Manilla.

Note: Bro. John A. Collins, committee on correspondence of the grand lodge of North Carolina, in his review of the grand lodge of Scotland, (1914-1915) says:

The committee, (grand) had before them (January, 1915) an application of the Philippine Islands for recognition as a sovereign grand lodge.

* * * * The committee after full consideration unanimously resolved to recommend that recognition be granted to the grand lodge of the Philippines as a sovereign grand body, *reserving the rights of this grand lodge as regards the Scottish lodges* presently in existence in the Philippines and the rights of those lodges. Report approved.

This is presumably true, but as hereinabove stated no document emanating from the grand lodge of Scotland showing this, has reached this table.

REPORT ON PROTEST FROM PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Bridgeport, Illinois, November 4, 1915.

Mr. RALPH H. WHEELER, most worshipful grand master, A. F. & A. Masons, of Illinois:

Dear Sir and M. W. Bro.: * * * * I am in receipt of your letter dated November 1, 1915, in which you say—

I hand you herewith original, and also translation, of a protest from the Philippine Islands, which is before you for consideration and recommendation as chairman of the above committee. (Committee on correspondence.) I will thank you to let me have some idea in this matter at as early a date as possible, in order that I may submit the question to the grand master's advisory council. * * * *

Since the receipt of this protest your committee has given it careful consideration, but before formulating a recommendation, in the premises, finds it necessary to rehearse at least a part of the record showing, concerning our relations with the grand lodge of free and accepted masons of the Philippine Islands.

At the annual meeting of the most worshipful grand lodge of Illinois, held October 14, 15 and 16, 1913, pursuant to the report and recommendation of the committee on correspondence, the following resolution was adopted, to-wit—

Resolved, That the grand lodge of Illinois, hereby recognizes the grand lodge of free and accepted masons of the Philippine Islands as a sovereign grand lodge of ancient craft masonry and that the grand master invite an exchange of representatives between this grand lodge and that of the Philippine Islands.

Pursuant to this resolution we are in fraternal communication with this, our least and youngest sister grand lodge, Bro. Amos G. Bellis of Manila having been designated as our representative, near the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands, and right worshipful Bro. Samuel M. Frankland of Chicago as the representative of the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands, near this grand lodge. From the report of the committee on corre-

spondence, as grounds for the resolution above mentioned, it appears that—

The constituent lodges uniting to form this grand lodge are all regular lodges under grand jurisdictions long recognized by the grand lodge of Illinois. Three of these are working under charters issued by the grand lodge of California, the other two being chartered by Scotland. Thus it will be seen that there is unquestioned legitimacy of origin. *There is no other body in the Philippine Islands claiming authority over ancient craft masonry.* Hence the new grand lodge is a supreme governing body in its jurisdiction in the far east.

It is proper to add, that a large number of grand lodges, notably those of Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, New Brunswick, New York, Utah, West Virginia, Washington, England, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Alberta, Iowa, Oregon, and others, have taken similar action, in the matter of recognition of this new grand lodge, to that of Illinois.

As to the protest: It is addressed to all the masons, and masonic organizations of the world, is entitled, "Respectful and fraternal protest, made by the grand regional lodge of the Philippine Islands No. 2, *Belonging to The Grand Spanish Orient,* against the Constitution of the so-called grand lodge of the Philippine Islands in the Philippine valleys, is dated August 8, 1915, and is signed by Teodore M. Kalaw, grand venerable master and attested by Ramon Mendoza, grand secretary. From the translation of this protest before me it is expedient to quote enough to show the gravamen thereof, and the status of the protesting body.

RESOLUTION.

To send a respectful and fraternal protest against the constitution in the Philippine Valleys of the so-called grand lodge of the Philippine Islands, formed by American lodges, which we declare is in violation of the jurisdictional rights of this Grand Regional Lodge, *and of the Grand Spanish Orient.*

Further: *The Grand Spanish Orient* since time immemorial and long before the implanting of the politic American administration in this country have been occupying, and still occupy the Philippine territory, with the powers of sovereignty and jurisdiction universally recognized to all the grand masonic bodies, having territories of their own and exclusive jurisdiction.

Further: On the 9th day of September, 1906, (e. v.) and with the idea of establishing in this valley a national Philippine organization, that would be able in the meantime to exercise *in name and representation of the Grand Spanish Orient* those powers of sovereignty over the symbolic lodges of this territory, the grand regional lodge of the Philippine Islands was constituted, and this grand lodge up to date continues to exercise without interruption and without renouncing their rights.

Further: Long after this date, (September 9, 1906) that is, on September 19, 1912, the American lodges, Manila lodge No. 342, Cavite lodge No. 354 and Corregidor lodge No. 386, belonging to the grand lodge of

California, founded in these same velleys (valleys) a lodge called the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands, seeming to assume equal powers in jurisdiction over the symbolic lodges of this country, and acting in such a way that was a violation of the rights legally acquired and never abandoned by the grand regional lodge of the Philippine Islands, *and the Grand Spanish Orient.*

Further: That said American lodges belonging to the grand lodge of California, when they founded the so-called grand lodge of the Philippine Islands, and before the foundation, stated that the Philippine territory was masonically free, and this statement is not right, because the territory was, and is, masonically occupied by this grand regional lodge, and the *Grand Spanish Orient,* as stated before.

Further: A grand assembly duly convocated by the master masons of all the lodges belonging to the grand regional lodge of the Philippine Islands, unanimously approved on the fourth day of July of this present year, (e. v.) a resolution suggesting to this grand regional lodge to make a fraternal and respectful protest against the constitution of the so-called grand lodge of the Philippine Islands in December, 1912, and to reaffirm before the masonic world its rights of only and exclusive jurisdiction of this grand regional lodge, *and the Grand Spanish Orient,* over the symbolic lodges in the Philippine territory.

Further: This resolution of the grand assembly was duly indorsed to this grand regional lodge by the president of same assembly, Ven. Her. Manuel L. Quezon, and by the secretary, Ven. Her. Ramon Mendoza.

Further: This grand regional lodge in itself believes that said fraternal and respectful protest should be formulated in order to reaffirm its rights to the only and exclusive jurisdiction over the Philippine territory, in union with the grand Spanish orient; consequently, the grand (regional) lodge of the Philippine Islands, by itself, and *through the Grand Spanish Orient* must formulate, before the due authorities of the universal masonry their respectful and fraternal protest against the foundation in the Philippine Valleys of the so-called grand lodge of the Philippine Islands, formed by American masons, and at the same time must state in this protest that the continuation of the so-called grand lodge of the Philippine Islands, in the way it is actually constituted, is a violation of the jurisdiction of said grand regional lodge, *and of the Grand Spanish Orient,* unless they duly respect the right of this grand regional lodge of the Philippine Islands, and the grand *Spanish Orient* and it is a continual and open violation of the rights and masonic practice universally recognized.

It is to be presumed that a copy of this protest has been forwarded to the grand lodges generally, and the question is, what will the grand lodges receiving this document do, in the premises.

Some of them may consign it to the waste basket, and it is doubtful whether or not this would be a serious wrong.

As your committee views the matter, the utmost the grand lodge of Illinois could do would be to cancel the commission of Bro. Bellis, the representative of this grand lodge, near the grand lodge free and accepted masons of the Philippine Islands, hand Bro. Frankland, the ambassador of said grand lodge to this grand lodge his passports, and withdraw from and cease communication with the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands, which

has, as above stated, been recognized and welcomed into the "masonic family," as the least and youngest sister.

It will be observed that the protest in considerable degree corroborates the showing made in the report of the committee on correspondence made to, and approved by, the grand lodge of Illinois, and on which it acted in extending recognition to the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands, and that this showing is not contradicted by the protest in any material respect. It is to be observed, further, that from the language of the protest itself, it clearly appears that the so-called grand regional lodge of the Philippine Islands No. 2 is not a sovereign, independent governing body, but is under the suzerainty of the Grand Spanish Orient,—whatever that may be.

It is not necessary to discuss, at this time the genesis, or the present status of the grand Spanish orient, nor the kind of masonry it, or its vassal, the grand regional lodge of the Philippine Islands (so-called), propagates. It is entirely sufficient for our present purpose to observe that this protest is not the protest of the grand Spanish orient, and that the so-called regional grand lodge, from its own showing is incompetent to protest either on its own behalf, or on behalf of any other body or organization. If the grand Spanish Orient is of age, and under no disability, it should do its own protesting, but the grand lodge of Illinois has no knowledge, nor information tending to show that its vassal, the grand regional lodge (so-called), has authority to protest in its behalf.

Your committee therefore recommends that the grand lodge of Illinois communicate with Mr. Teodoro Kalaw, and Mr. Ramon Mendoza, acknowledging the receipt of the protest by them subscribed, and politely informing them, that from the showing in the protest contained, "the grand regional lodge" (so-called) not appearing to be a sovereign, independent governing body, is incapable of treating with, or of suggesting terms or conditions to, the grand lodge of Illinois, as to any rights claimed by it to exclusive jurisdiction, or as to any other matter; and that so far as is known the said grand regional lodge (so-called), is without authority to assert any such rights of original and exclusive jurisdiction which may be claimed by the Spanish grand orient, or by any other body, or organization.

Fraternally submitted,

Chas. H. Martin,
Committee of Correspondence.

PORTO RICO

Proceedings not received in time for insertion here—if they come later will be at end of report.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1915

15 Lodges 40th Annual 819 Members

The volume containing the proceedings of this grand lodge consists of seventy-nine well printed pages, on the fly leaf of which is the likeness of Bro. James D. Stewart, incoming grand master.

The annual communication was held at Charlottetown, June 23, 1915, and the grand lodge was opened in ample form by Bro. Geo. S. Inman, grand master, and a full corps of grand lodge officers. There were present, also, a number of past grand lodge officers, and the representatives of twenty-eight foreign grand lodges, the representative of Illinois, right worshipful Bro. Samuel Lowe among this number.

The grand master's address contains a detailed account of his official acts. He notes the decease of Bro. H. C. McDonald, past grand master, and of other brethren of local distinction, who died during the year.

Anent the Europeon war he says—

Twelve months ago, when we assembled in annual session, the world was at peace, but during the greater part of the interim the great nations of the earth have locked in deadly conflict. * * * * Christendom is now in the throes of a great struggle, pagan ideals *versus* christian ideals,—barbaric methods against those of modern civilization. * * * * In the present supreme moment of the world's existence let us hope and trust that history may repeat itself, and that civilization, and right and truth may come off triumphant in the terrific clash of arms that is deluging Europe with blood. * * * *

The grand master notes the call from Canadian lodge of London for contributions from Canadian masons for the establishment in London of a hospital, by said lodge, for the relief and treatment of Canadian soldiers, and reports with great satisfaction that the lodges of Prince Edward Island contributed to this fund during the year a sum equal to one dollar for each member. It appears that Canadian lodge, as its name implies, is composed of Canadian masons residing in London, and that the hospital by it conducted is called the "Queen's Canadian Hospital."

He reports issuing five dispensations, four to attend divine service, wearing regalia, and one to confer 3rd degree in less time than required by the constitution, good cause being shown.

The grand master says—

I believe that the lodge should be encouraged to attend divine service in a body at least once in each year.

Whether he thinks this will tend to dignify freemasonry, make the church respectable or honor God, he does not say, but he is entitled to his

opinion. The returns of lodges show a net gain during the year of twenty. The report on correspondence is by Bro. W. P. Doull, past grand master, chairman of the committee, and the only matters treated of are the questions of the recognition of the grand lodges of Queensland, the Philippine Islands, the grand lodge national of France, and the grand lodge of Mexico. On recommendation of this committee recognition was extended to the grand lodge of Queensland, and the national grand lodge of France and the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands are continued on the waiting list. As to Mexico the report states—

> About a dozen men some of whom add 32 or 33 to their names are declaring themselves a sovereign masonic body, denouncing intrigues of certain others who also wrote 32 or 33 after their names, whom they claim did certain wire-pulling, and attained ends which were not acceptable to the present intriguers.

They do not seem to realize that sovereign masonic bodies of the Anglo-Saxon group know nothing of masonry beyond the third degree. The name they chose is "Mexican Symbolical Rites Lodge Evolution No. 1." We may dismiss the matter with the words of the one time celebrated Josh Billings. "There is no one needs so much close watching as those who are always closely watching others." Rather summary disposition.

The next annual will be held at Charlottetown on the fourth Wednesday in June, 1916.

Grand Master, James D. Stewart, Georgetown; Grand Secretary, W. P. Doull, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—1916

66 Lodges | 46th Annual | 8,253 Members

From the printed proceedings of this grand lodge it appears that the annual communication was held in Montreal February 9, 1916, when the grand lodge was opened in ample form by the grand master, Bro. Edward A.Evans,the other grand lodge officers being present, with the exception of the senior grand warden, whose place was supplied. There were in attendance, also eight past grand masters, and the representatives of thirty-three foreign grand lodges, Bro. F. W. Hearle, the envoy from Illinois, being of this number.

Immediately following the opening Bro. Sidney A. Luke, most worshipful grand master of Canada in Ontario, was announced as a visitor, and was received with the honors due to his rank. The grand master's

address, with addenda, fills seventeen pages, and gives a brief account of the year's activities.

The grand master notes the death during the year of many brethren of local prominence, but none within the ranks of the grand lodge officers. Among the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions, he mentioned Bro. Edward Cook, past grand master of Illinois.

Almost everything the grand master says is tinged by war conditions, and in fact almost all the proceedings of the grand lodge are affected the same way. The grand master says—

The past year my brethren has, as you will know been one of great anxiety and trouble. We were committed in August, 1914, to the most terrible war in modern history, and compelled by the highest duties to take up arms as a national obligation in behalf of others, and for the purpose of not only carrying out our treaty obligations, but with the object of maintaining the true principles of all that is just, perfect and right.

Under the topic "Benevolence" he says—

Most worshipful Bro. John E. Wright, past grand master, in his last annual address told us of the magnificent response of the brethren in our jurisdiction in subscribing, at his suggestion to the Canadian patriotic fund. This year it is also pleasing to know of the continued self denial of our brethren, in order to enable them the more effectually to subscribe to the various charities which owing to the war are in need of financial assistance.

Under the head of "Circular Letters," the grand master says—

I requested the grand secretary to issue to all our lodges a printed form, asking for the names of those of our brethren who have so nobly responded to the call of empire and enlisted, and joined in the crusade against tyranny, atrocity and murder; the information thus far obtained will be printed in our proceedings, from which it will be seen that nearly all our lodges have representatives on the Roll of Honour.

The grand master reported that during the year he instituted one new lodge and dedicated one new hall. Special dispensations to enable lodges to confer the second and third degrees within the time limit, were granted in seven cases, one was granted to enable a lodge to receive and act upon a rejected application within the time limit, two to enable lodges to elect or install officers at times other than provided by the by-laws, and two to wear regalia at an "at home."

He reported having declined, in three cases to grant dispensations for the purpose of permitting candidates under 21 years of age being received and also declined to permit an open installation of officers at which ladies or outsiders were to be present. One dispensation was granted to enable a lodge to initiate a candidate having a slight physical defect.

The grand master reports that special church services were held by nearly all the lodges, and he proceeds to mention the considerable sums of

money raised at these services for the several war relief funds. Under the head of rulings the grand master reported two decisions, both of which involved the construction of their code, and neither of them of particular consequence. Here, as elsewhere, the circumlocution office is in evidence, and the grand master notes a number of cases in which the lodges of Quebec through his mediation conferred degrees for lodges of other grand jurisdictions, and where the lodges of foreign grand jurisdictions did likewise for Quebec lodges. He reported that he had been invited to attend a convention of the grand masters of the U. S. and Canada at Portland, Oregon, but had declined.

The short, but interesting address is closed by a prayer, tinged like all else by the war sentiment, as follows—

May wisdom from On High be given us aright in the deliberations of this grand annual communication, and may the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe be with us all in our undertakings,—may victory perch upon the banners of our country, and upon those of our allies,—may the horrors of war be superseded by a righteous and abiding peace,—may the lives and the safety of our brethren who are fighting for our Empire and our King be precious in the sight of the Most High. * * * *

One could scarcely utter an unqualified amen, to this, without violating the president's injunction to preserve neutrality.

The grand secretary's report shows the collection from lodges during the year of the sum of $9,466.00, of which the sum of $3,808.50 was for dues. The same report shows a net gain in membership of 102. The grand secretary further reports—

The total amount received from the lodges in this province and forwarded to the Canadian patriotic fund was $7,962.85 and to the Red Cross Society, $3,150.00, and the Belgian fund $704.13. * * * * I have received, and there has passed through my hands upwards of $25,000.00 from the various branches of the masonic fraternity for and on account of patriotic purposes since the commencement of the war.

The reports of the seven district deputy grand masters are published, and are all tinged by the war sentiment, but the interesting feature about them is that each reports the granting to lodges of permission to wear regalia at divine service, the several deputies having granted such permission in twenty-nine cases.

On report and recommendation of the committee on correspondence the grand lodge extended fraternal recognition to the grand lodges of Queensland, and the Philippine Islands, and declined recognition to the grand lodges of Mexico, (Symbolic Rite) Argentine Republic, (Supreme Council) "The National independent grand lodge of France, and the French Colonies," and the Grand Lodge of Sweden. On the afternoon of the first day a discourse was delivered before the grand lodge by right worshipful Bro. the Rev. J. Aiken, M.A., district grand chaplain, which is

printed in the proceedings, and which is well worth the reading, his theme being, "Masonry a Secret Society."

Bro. Edw. A. Evans was re-elected grand master and Bro. Will H. Whyte re-elected grand secretary.

The report of foreign correspondence is from the pen of Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, past grand master, and consists of 197 pages of well written matter. In the exordium he treats generally the topics, "Freemasonry and the War;" "Germans in English Lodges," "The General Grand Lodge Idea," "Too Many Candidates," "The Symbolism of a Burning Taper" and "Freemasonry and Service." In the discussion of these several topics he exhibits great learning and considerable skill. Under the second head mentioned he says in part—

There has been more or less criticism of the action of the grand lodge of England in requiring brethren of German or Austrian birth to refrain, during the continuance of the war, from visiting English lodges of which they may be members. * * * *

But in a few instances in the United States, the matter has been judged from a mistaken standpoint. One reviewer expresses surprise and regret that feeling should run so high against masons of another country, simply, as he puts it, because the two countries are at war, and points out that no such conditions existed between brethren of the North and South during the American civil war. * * * *

Not hatred, but ordinary prudence, justifies the action of the English grand lodge, which moreover, goes no further than to make mandatory the old-time teaching of the craft that the right of visitation should always be conditional upon assurance that it will not disturb the harmony of the lodge. * * * *

Just what sort of wheels got into the good brother's head, that he should invoke the benefit of the doctrine applicable to the privilege of visitation to justify this "most un-masonic resolution" (to borrow the language of Bro. Goodwin of Utah), it is difficult to understand. In American lodges a member is at *home* when in his own lodge, and he becomes a visitor when he attends a meeting of some other lodge. As a matter of course he can visit no lodge, other than his own if objection is made, but his own lodge is his home, and belongs to him, as much as to any one, and so long as he continues to be a member in good standing it does not belong to any man or body of men rightfully to prevent his attendance. The rule as to visitors surely has no force, being invoked to prevent a member from going home, as well as from visiting.

Our brother fraternally reviews Illinois, according to it four pages.

Of the grand master's report he says—

The truly masonic desire to alleviate distress illustrated by his declaration of the duty of the fraternity to extend material aid to the extent of its ability to those in most need of help as a result of the greatest conflict at arms that the world has ever seen stands out in noble contrast to the

refusal of the grand master of California to appeal to the brethren of his jurisdiction on behalf of the persecuted and suffering Belgians. * * * *

Whereupon he proceeds to lecture the grand master of California. Just why this preachment is in his review of Illinois is not apparent, unless it is for the purpose of showing us that he regards Bro. Burnap as a good boy, and the grand master of California as a regular "bad Tommy."

He notes what is said in the address concerning the dedication of the royal arch mason memorial hospital; the case in the report mentioned of the man who desired to be relieved of the undesirable attentions of the lady, supposed to be a member of the O. E. S.; the man who desired the grand master to oblige a member of the fraternity to pay an account; the woman who demanded that her husband be summarily expelled; and the case of the man who desired to be made a mason at sight, offering to pay the usual fee.

Concerning the review, he says—

One of the cleverest and most complete correspondence reports of the year is that by past grand master Owen Scott. * * * *

Whereupon the proceeds to answer Bro. Scott's exceedingly mild criticism of the action of England, in the matter of the resolution referred to, prohibiting the attendance at masonic meetings of members of German, Austrian, Hungarian or Turkish birth. His answer being a rehash of the same matters by him urged in his introductory as above mentioned, invoking the rules properly applicable to visitors, and ignoring altogether the fact that the rule established by the resolution in question prohibits members of lodges, of the classes named, from attending their own lodges, as well as from visiting.

Bro. Edward W. Evans, Grand Master, Quebec; Bro. Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary, Montreal.

QUEENSLAND—1915.

The manner of conducting the business followed by this grand lodge, and the method of arranging its printed proceedings, conspire to render it difficult to extract anything of value to the masonic student from its printed records. In fact, from the standpoint of the reviewer, it is the hardest imaginable book from which to obtain a coherent and tangible idea of what is actually being done,—always excepting that put out by the grand lodge of Scotland, and from all appearances, in the arrangement of their printed proceedings Queensland must take Scotland as the model. The volume now under consideration gives some account of six meetings, one of which is

termed ''special,'' held at Brisbane, August 14, 1914, and five of which are called ''stated,'' all held at Brisbane, on September 14, 1914, December 14, 1914; March 8, 1915; June 7, 1915, and June 14, 1915, respectively.

The grand master brother A. M. Hertzberg, presided at all these meetings, save one, being the one held June 7, 1915, and it was presided over by Bro. William Jones, deputy grand master.

This grand lodge is one of those the business of which is nearly all transacted through the ''board of general purposes,'' and but little is done in grand lodge except to discuss and approve the action of this tribunal. It administers discipline, suggests legislation, passes upon applications for new lodges, appoints officers and foreign representatives, and even nominates grand lodge officers, and the members of this ''board of general purposes,'' which is thus made, in a way, self perpetuating, and the representatives of lodges have only to ratify and confirm what has been done. This scheme expedites business, but has the earmarks of a machine.

It appears that at the special held August 12, 1914, the principal business was the installation of the grand master, and the ''investiture'' of the other grand lodge officers. At this meeting was also enacted their usual bit of ''farce-comedy,''—the conferring of ''past grand rank'' upon quite a number of, presumably worthy and otherwise rational brethren. The rank of ''past deputy grand master'' was conferred upon six, that of ''past grand warden'' upon nine, and that of ''past senior grand deacon'' upon thirteen. The representatives of forty-eight foreign grand lodges were present at this meeting, Bro. C. H. Harley, the envoy from Illinois, being of this number, who by the way, appears to have drawn a capital prize, being of the number of those who had conferred upon them the rank of past deputy grand master.

At this meeting the grand master delivered an address, in which he takes occasion to say, *inter alia*, * * * *—

I am pleased to see that the questionable practice of erecting lodges indiscriminately, as adopted by the two other constitutions here (England and Scotland) has attracted the attention of the grand lodge of England at any rate, and mild protests have been issued against the continuance of this. View it as you will it is an infringement of the ancient landmarks, inasmuch as nearly all those lately created are not for the convenience of the brethren, or for easy access to their homes, but as has been readily admitted mere voting machines to prevent the two-thirds majority being reached. It is high time that the grand lodges of England and Scotland realized the scandal to masonry perpetrated under their authority, by the granting of fresh warrants in our territory, and in spite of the fact that a sovereign grand lodge exists here, recognized by eighty-five per cent of the brethren in the world, and having the sympathy of a large majority of the adherents here of England and Scotland.

Those who have kept trace of the history of the grand lodge of Queensland through these reports will remember that at the time of its formation,

the then committee on correspondence, most worshipful Bro. Robbins was among its first and greatest defenders, and that he proved to a demonstration its right to recognition as a grand lodge.. Notwithstanding this, England and Scotland have ever since, and to this day continued to maintain lodges, and district grand lodges, within the province of Queensland, and the means whereby these lodges have been, and are, prevented from uniting with the regular grand lodge of Queensland are in part disclosed in the language above quoted.

At the meeting held June 7th, 1915, the ''board of general purposes'' reported a complete roster of officers for the grand lodge, and at the meeting following, June 14, 1915, the ''slate'' thus nominated went through without a break, most worshipful Bro. A. M. Hertzberg being elected grand master for the seventh term.

On recommendation of this ''board'' the grand master issued warrants for three new lodges during the year.

Forty-two special dispensations are reported at the several meetings held, eleven being to permit lodges ''to wear regalia,'' and the others for purposes of about the same importance according to the Illinois notion of the fitness of things.

Appended to the printed proceedings is the report (seventh annual) of ''widows and orphans and aged masons institution,'' which administers the benevolences for the grand lodge, and which appears to be flourishing. During the year ending June 30, 1915, there was collected for this institution from all sources nine hundred ninety-nine pounds four shillings and eight pence, and expended for ''orphans relief'' one hundred forty pounds and ten shillings, and for ''life governors' jewels,'' ninety-eight pounds and eighteen shillings; which shows that they take care of the ''Life Governors'' as well as the orphans. They have a permanent fund for this purpose of more than four thousand pounds. Just before the closing of each of the six meetings of the grand lodge hereinabove mentioned, comes the solemn announcement, ''The usual collection in aid of the widows, orphans, and aged masons institution was taken up by the grand deacons,'' which leads one to conjecture that the grand lodge is largely made up of ''Methodists.'' A serious complaint was made by the grand master at the stated meeting of March 8, 1915; the record states—

Referring to the promiscuous way brethren are called upon for charity, he (the grand master) referred to the promiscuous way brethren call upon him for all sorts of objects, which he thought had reached the bounds of reasonableness, and it was time to speak on the matter. One instance was, a brother waited on him for his assistance in getting a public-house license, and another brother from the north, was brought to him in a state bordering on intoxication. Such cases should not be, and he would like to say, and impress upon all brethren, that the proper way to approach the grand master, for no matter what purpose is through the grand secretary. * * * *

If this state of affairs should continue, and particularly if the brethren from the "north," or elsewhere, should get clear over, into the hilarious side of the "border," it is suggested that the grand master be provided with a "bouncer." No charge is made for this suggestion, and consent is hereby given that it be referred to the "board of general purposes," with power to act, "should occasion ever require."

At the meeting held June 14, 1915, right worshipful Bro. Jasper Bee, past senior grand warden of the grand lodge of South Australia, was announced, entered, and received with grand honors. In view of the fact that to this date the grand lodge of South Australia has refused recognition of the grand lodge of Queensland, it is not apparent at this great distance why he should have desired to visit the grand lodge, nor why he should have been accorded so hearty a welcome. Under the circumstances it would appear to an ordinary Illinois mason that all concerned would have felt embarrassed. However, this is their own matter.

There appear to be sixty-eight lodges in this grand jurisdiction, though this is a matter of inference, and from the volume at hand there is no way of telling the number of members.

There is no report on foreign correspondence.

Grand Master A. M. Hertzberg; Grand Secretary, C. H. Harley.

RHODE ISLAND

37 Lodges 125th Annual 9,194 Members

The book of proceedings, consisting of exactly one hundred pages, contains the published record of this grand lodge for the year, its corporate name being long enough to reach a good way across the state, to-wit: "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, for the State of Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations." The book is adorned by a fine picture of Bro. J. Fred Parker, retiring grand master.

A semi-annual communication was held November 16, 1914, but the business then transacted consisted chiefly of hearing reports of officers and committees.

The annual communication was held in Providence, May 17, 1915, the grand master, most worshipful Bro. J. F. Parker, and other grand lodge officers being in their respective stations. In the diplomatic circle were the representatives of twenty-eight foreign grand lodges, the ambassador from Illinois, Bro. Newton D. Arnold, being absent.

In the grand master's address he reported the granting of eleven dispensations to lodges to attend church, and six for the purpose of holding stated communications at some time, or place, different from that prescribed by lodge by-laws. He approved the amendments proposed to by-laws of seven lodges, and rendered one decision, which appears to have gone unchallenged, namely—

One ———— enlisted in the navy and in charge of stores at the U. S. Training Station, having been elected and initiated in the E. A. and F. C. degrees, was arrested, tried, and found guilty by a naval court martial of embezzlement and is now serving a sentence for same. His wife requested the return of the fee, stating that her husband had paid fifty dollars and could not become a mason. * * * * The lodge inquired of the grand master: First—Can the lodge refund all or part of the fee? Second—If permissible should they? Third—If a part, what part? Fourth—What is the present standing of ———— and how should this lodge regard him?

The grand master decided that—

If a brother had paid the fee for the third degree and is denied advancement to that degree, no part of the fee paid for the first and second degrees can be refunded to him, but the amount paid by the brother for the third degree should be refunded. I am further of the opinion that the brother not having taken the third degree and signed the by-laws has no standing in the lodge.

The reasoning whereby the first part of this decision was reached is easily perceived, but the soundness of the latter part thereof is not *so* apparent.

The committee on tyling reported in favor of an identification card, to be furnished all members of lodges, which must be presented to the tyler as a pre-requisite to admission as a visitor, such card to be valid for the period of thirteen months from date of issuance. The report was adopted and this rule becomes operative January 1, 1916.

The returns of lodges show a net increase in membership of three hundred and sixty-one.

There is no report from the committee on foreign correspondence.

Reuben S. Bemis, Grand Master, Providence; S. Penrose Williams, Grand Secretary, Providence.

SASKATCHEWAN

116 Lodges 6,705 Members

The printed proceedings of this grand lodge, is an attractive appearing volume, the artistic effect of which is heightened by a fine picture of Bro. W. M. Thompson, incoming grand master, in a full dress suit and full official regalia, and contains a record of the acts and doings of the

grand lodge at the especial communication held August 13, 1914, and the annual communication held at the city of Regina, June 16 and 17, 1915. The former was held at the town of Dilke, and the only business transacted was the laying of the corner stone of the Memorial Church of St. Lucy. The annual communication was opened in ample form, M. W. Bro. Lauchlin Taylor McDonald on the throne and the other grand lodge officers present. There were present, also, seven past grand masters, two honorary past grand masters, and the representatives of thirty foreign grand lodges, the envoy from Illinois, Bro. J. W. Foster, not of this number.

The grand master's address is a well prepared account of the transactions of the year. In the introductory part he states that—

From a masonic standpoint the year has been a very successful one, both financially and numerically.

He takes occasion to deplore the great war in which the empire is a party, with the consequent toll of human life, also the sinking of the Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence river, and the loss of life incident thereto; and he stigmatizes as an atrocity, the sinking of the Lusitania with her human freight of non-combatants. He reports the accumulation of a war benevolent fund, for benevolent purposes directly affecting the order to the extent of thirty-two hundred dollars which was raised by voluntary subscriptions for the purpose of taking care of wounded brethren and their families, and recommended that further sums be raised to meet any emergency occasioned by the war.

He notes the constituting and consecrating of six new lodges, and the continuation of three dispensations.

He reports the issuance of sixty-two special dispensations during the year, among which number thirty-three were to permit lodges to attend divine service in regalia; three to wear regalia at masonic ball; three to hold meetings until duplicate charter issue, (Charter having been destroyed by fire:); one to hold meetings until constituted, (Dispensation having been burned:); one to *heal* election of officers ahead of time; and one to *heal* a brother unlawfully made a mason in Scotland, while the material of a lodge in this jurisdiction. Those which strike an Illinois mason as unusual, only, are mentioned, the other dispensations being for the usual purposes.

Plato, (perhaps) first voiced the opinion that men, generally, would do what is becoming, if they knew how, and if the brethren of Saskatchewan, including the grand master, consider it becoming to attend divine service in regalia who would venture to criticise? It may, however, without offense be observed that if all the brethren attending church wear regalia of the gorgeous character as that worn by Bro. Thompson when

he posed for the picture which appears in the published proceedings, it is greatly to be feared that the attention of large numbers of the worshippers among the fair sex might be diverted from the prayer-book to the regalia.

Every official act of the grand master reported, was approved by the committee on grand master's address and jurisprudence, except one, to-wit: The grand master reports that the master of one lodge was unable to confer the degrees, and that the pressure of other business prevented him from qualifying himself; whereupon the grand master permitted him to resign, and nominated his successor and recommended that his appointee be substituted for the master so resigning. The committee decided, and the grand lodge concurred, agreeably to masonic law generally, that a master cannot resign. The returns from lodges show a net gain in membership of seven hundred and fifty-three.

The report on foreign correspondence is from the pen of Bro. A. S. Gorrell, and is a carefully prepared production of one hundred and forty pages. His treatment of Illinois is quite liberal, as he devotes four pages to our affairs, quoting freely from Bro. Burnap's remarks in the introductory part of his annual report, (1914) and from what is therein stated concerning Sabbath desecration. He takes occasion to joke Bro. Scott a little, as follows—

(Bro. Scott) Says that we make half an apology for permitting of regalia at balls and parties where no admission fee is to be charged, and at which the public is not admitted, to which we say the apology is of exactly the same nature as that made for the public installation of officers which is so popular amongst our brethren in the United States.

Next Annual at Swift Current, June 21, 1916.

W. M. THOMPSON, Grand Master, Fort Qu'Appelle; W. B. TATE, Grand Secretary, Regina.

SCOTLAND

From the printed proceedings of this grand lodge, marked, "private and confidential" it appears that quarterly communications were held in Edinburg on August 5, 1915 and February 3, 1916, Bro. Colonel R. King Stewart of Mordostoun, D. L., J. P. most worshipful grand master mason, *on the throne,* on both of these occasions, and that he was assisted by so many grand lodge officers, and past grand lodge officers that it requires a full page to contain the announcement of their names, and titles. Well nigh two pages in each case are filled with the names and titles of other brethren who sent apologies for their absence.

After this imposing list and titles, in the printed proceedings comes the announcement that grand lodge was opened in full form with solemn prayer, and if the roll was called, and all the titulary distinctions attached thereto announced, as printed, it is a safe proposition that all were in a solemn frame of mind. The business of the grand lodge done is then recorded in two pages, and consisted, chiefly in confirming the action of the grand committee. It appears that practically all the business of the grand lodge is performed beforehand by this committee, and the only things done by the representatives of constituent lodges in grand lodge is to vote on the confirmation of the minutes of the grand committee. This committee audits the accounts, administers discipline, grants dispensations and charters, * * * and nominates the *office bearers* for the grand lodge, so that when the grand lodge has passed upon the action of this grand committee, the business is completed. Somewhat at variance with this order at the session under review a motion to amend the constitution was made, as follows—

No lodge in Scotland shall be entitled to initiate into freemasonry any applicant whose domicile is not Scottish, (other than a person serving in any branch of His Majesty's imperial forces,) unless such applicant has resided, or has had his place of business, for at least the twelve months immediately preceding the date of his application within the Province in which the Lodge is situated, or unless on special cause shown, a dispensation is granted by grand master. The brother who introduced this amendment stated, (by way of apology to the grand committee it is presumed). That he and the seconder of the motion had no wish to hurry legislation, and asked grand lodge to allow him to move that the motion should be remitted to the grand committee, with instructions that it receive their full consideration, and that they report to a future communication of grand lodge.

It appears that afterwards, on September 23, 1915, the grand committee met and upon consideration of the proposed amendment, and after altering it by substituting, "Within the British Isles", for "Within the Province" in which the lodge is situated, agreed to report it to the grand lodge for adoption.

All this is mentioned to illustrate the way they do things in Scotland, and to intimate, that if this shall become the law, it will make it more difficult for the "Jack Johnsons" of the future to obtain the degrees in Scotland.

On recommendation of the grand committee one new lodge was chartered.

At a meeting of the grand committee held April, 16, 1916, a resolution similiar to that adopted by the grand lodge of England was passed, as follows—

That in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the craft being disturbed, it is necessary that all brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian or Turkish birth or nationality should not, during the continuance of the war, and until grand lodge, after the treaty of peace has been signed,

shall otherwise determine, attend the meeting of any grand lodge, or daughter lodge, or any provincial or district grand lodge or daughter lodge, or any masonic meeting, and that such brethren do, and they are hereby required by grand lodge to abstain from such attendance.

In lieu of comment the reader is cited to the language of Bro. Goodwin of Utah, as quoted in the review of Utah.

There is nothing to show either the number of lodges, or the number of members. The diplomatic circle was not in evidence, nor is any mention made of a committee on foreign correspondence.

Bro. R. King Stewart, Grand Master Mason, Murdostoun; Bro. David Reid, Grand Secretary, Edinburg.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—1916

77 Lodges 32nd Annual 5,857 Members

The book of proceedings of this grand lodge is adorned by full page likenesses of the grand master, brother Eustace Beradoe Grundy, K. C. and brother Samuel James Way, Bart. past grand master. It contains one hundred ninety pages and is well printed and well bound in the very bluest sort of blue. A half-yearly communication was held at Adelaide October 20th, 1915 and the grand lodge was opened in ample form by the grand master, brother, and Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel James Way, with a full corps of grand lodge officers.

It appears from the record that, the most worshipful the grand master, who was received with acclamation said—

It is satisfactory to see, but not surprising, in this great national crisis that the grand lodge of South Australia has stood by the Mother Country for the cause of freedom, liberty and resistance against an unscrupulous enemy. This is being manifested in many different ways. * * *

Whereupon he reports the presenting of a very fine motor ambulance, by the grand lodge, for use in the field by the British army. The grand master further reports that—

Every lodge in South Australia sent contributions toward its cost, and as recorded in the report of the board of general purposes, the amount was cabled to Lord Kitchener.

The fact that this cablegram was sent to Lord Kitchener, coupled with the fact that there is a fine cut of the said ambulance in the published proceedings, ought to settle the point forever.

The grand master, in the same address takes occasion to relate the following rather singular occurrence—

I want to say that in the storm and stress of battle some men escape. Bro. Fidler of Mt. Barker has asked my permission to accept the enclosed ritual which had a turkish bullet put through it while it was in his dungaree jacket. Fortunately Bro. Fidler had removed his dungaree jacket while he did some trench digging. I like that picture of Bro. Fidler taking his dungaree off while at work. * * *

Assuming that the "ritual" mentioned by our distinguisihed brother was a masonic ritual, most of us think it well enough that the Turks shot a hole through it, and it may be observed further that it would be a good thing if all the printed rituals on earth had holes shot in them by the Turks, or some one else. However we all admit that brother Fidler exhibited good judgment, good taste and presence of mind in hanging his jacket on something besides himself when the Turks took the shot, and that he is to be congratulated accordingly.

On February 3rd, 1916, the grand lodge met at Adelaide, and opened "*A Lodge of Sorrow,*" in memory of the late grand master, brother Way, who it appears had "gone the *Way* of all the earth," on January 8, 1916. The meeting was presided over by the pro grand master, brother Eustace Beardoe Grundy, and appropriate memorial exercises were conducted. The addresses commemorative of his life and character show him to have been a remarkable man, and next to Methuselah and brother Thomas J. Shryock of Maryland, to have had some class about him as a stayer. He served his grand lodge as grand master from 1884 to 1889, inclusive; as pro grand master from 1890 to 1895, inclusive; and again as grand master from 1896 to the date of his death.

The annual meeting was held at Adelaide, April 19, 1916, and the grand lodge was opened in ample form and presided over by the pro grand master brother E. B. Grundy. The one surviving past grand master, brother A. M. Simpson was present, also, the representatives of seventeen foreign grand lodges, the envoy of Illinois, not of this number.

Practically all the business transacted at this session was the approval of the report of the board of general purposes, which consisted entirely of routine matters, and the election and installation of grand lodge officers. Brother E. B. Grundy was elected grand master, and brother Chas. R. Glover, was re-elected, (or re-appointed,) grand secretary. In this grand lodge they not only make nominating speeches, several of them, but publish them in full in the proceedings, and if brother Grundy comes up to the mark as prophesied in their speeches, placing his name before the grand lodge he should give them a great administration.

Following his installation he announced his appointive officers, and took occasion to say, *inter alia*—

I wish to make a general remark about the office of grand steward. I fear it is not fully realized that it is a responsible office, with duties attached which should be carried out consistently and persistently. I hope and trust that no brother will be inclined to look upon it as a mere door to higher office. The proper aspect of stewardship is that the steward shall be faithful in the discharge of his duties.

Up to this time some of us have been somewhat in the dark as to just exactly what are the duties of grand stewards, but surely this illuminating speech should satisfy all. The remarkable thing about this particular grand lodge is that the grand master appointed and installed into office for the performance of the important duties suggested only twenty-four grand stewards.

One of the exhibits in the report of the board of general purposes shows the collection during the year as grand lodge dues the sum of two thousand six hundred fifty-seven pounds seven shilling and six pence. From the same source a net gain in membership is shown of 155.

There is a report on foreign correspondence subscribed by the ten brethren constituting the committee.

They appear to have divided the work of writing the review among them, so that each member of the committee participated. The entire report comprises 95 pages, one of which is devoted to Illinois for 1915. From the initials in the margin it would appear that what is said concerning our proceedings was written by brother Samuel H. Good, and from what he says of our grand lodge, (what little there is of it) he appears to act consistently with his name.

He says in such a long-established jurisdiction and so populous a state we look for big figures—and find them; whereupon he quotes statistics found in our various reports.

Of brother Scott's report on correspondence, he says—

He covers practically the whole masonic world, and though American and British masonic ideas are occasionally at variance, yet we find his work delightful reading. Under South Australia he excerpts the remarks of our reviewer last year, anent masonic homes, in which he stated that there are no homes here, (South Australia) and hopes there never will be. The reason, brother Scott, for the statement is, that to date our benevolent funds have been amply sufficient to provide for our poor and distressed, and we sincerely hope they ever will be.

Brother EUSTACE B. GRUNDY, K. C., Grand Master; Brother CHAS. R. J. GLOVER, Grand Secretary, Adelaide.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1915

262 Lodges 139th Annual 16,712 Members

The fly-leaf of the volume of proceedings of the grand lodge of South Carolina contains the full page picture of the grand master Bro. R. A. Cooper, and the annual communication was held at Charleston December 14, 1915, and was opened in ample form, and presided over by the retiring grand master, Bro. Geo. T. Bryan, assisted by the other grand lodge officers, all of whom were in their places. Lending dignity to, the occasion, there were present, also, eight past grand masters, and the representatives of forty-eight foreign grand lodges, Bro. J. F. Ficken, the representative from Illinois, being of the number. In opening his address the grand master says—

It is with sincere pleasure and gratification that I inform you that peace and harmony prevail throughout our entire jurisdiction, and that so far as I am advised, there is not one single case of appeal, or real or fancied grievance to be referred to the committee on appeals and grievances for investigation and adjustment.

Under the head of necrology, he says—

The supreme grand master has graciously spared the lives of all the official members of our grand lodge throughout the past year. We have however been called upon to mourn the loss of the following named brethren, * * * * followed by an extensive list of brethren of local prominence. Among the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions he mentions Bro. Edward Cook, past grand master of Illinois.

Under the head of undue publicity he says—

I regret to advise that I am informed that it is the custom of some lodges in this jurisdiction to send out through the mail, printed lists giving the names of candidates applying for election and advancement, to be voted upon at certain stated communications. Personally I am unalterably opposed to this method.

Every mason should have sufficient interest in masonry in general, and his lodge in particular, to attend its regular communications, and thus be advised of those whose names are proposed for membership.

Holding these views, I feel that the grand lodge should interdict the publication and issuance of such printed notices.

This part of the address was referred to the committee on jurisprudence which sustained the views of the grand master, but nothing further appears.

The grand master recommended that steps be taken to re-incorporate the grand lodge, so as to enable it to hold a larger amount of property, than it can now hold under the act of incorporation.

He also recommended that the grand secretary be authorized to furnish for sale to lodges, minute books, blank forms, *** and that he be authorized to procure new aprons and paraphernalia for such of the grand officers

whose aprons and paraphernalia are badly worn and disfigured. Further, that the grand secretary be authorized to procure a sachel for the paraphernalia of the grand master, in order to protect it from damage, and in order to make it more convenient for the grand master to carry on his official visits. * * * *

The committee to which these recommendations were referred concurred in that part thereof with reference to procuring forms, supplies* ** for sale to the lodges, but never a word about the sachel for the grand master, nor new aprons for the officers. It would certainly appear that unless clearly contrary to the constitution the grand secretary should have been ordered to procure some sort of a sachel.

Under the head of ''Trustee Masonic Home Funds'' the grand master says—

The more I consider this matter, and the more I see and become familiar with its practical workings, the more confident I am that we have adopted the wisest policy of applying masonic principles of love and charity to worthy and distressed master masons, their widows and orphans, in pursuing the course approved by our grand lodge at its last annual communication, and put into operation by your board. We are caring for the masonic orphans better in the regularly organized charities or homes of masons, or their own homes, as has seemed best and most expedient by us; we are caring for the mason, his widow and his orphans, in some instances at their own homes, where the children are growing up under the sweet and gentle influence of ''Mother''; we are contributing to the relief of old and indigent masons and their wives or widows in their own humble homes, or in old home neighborhoods. * * * *

From the report of the trustees of the masonic home fund, the following is extracted—

The treasurer's report hereto attached, which has been audited and found correct in detail, shows that on Nov. 30, 1915 the fund amounted to $112,547.02. * * * The income for last year from all sources was $12,472.21. During the year we have contributed to the support of twenty-three orphans in Epworth orphanage, five in Connie Maxwell orphanage, and three in Thornwell orphanage, thirty-one in all. Expenditure for this purpose $1,860.00; seven widows $460.00; one widow and three children $175.00; one widow and four children $30.00; nineteen master masons $995.00. Total, $3,510.00.

The report emphatically recommended the continuance of their present system.

The grand master reports thirty official visits to lodges, the granting of thirty-three special dispensations, mostly for the purposes of holding elections or installations at times other than prescribed in the by-laws, conferring degrees before the statutory time, and the like. He notes the constituting of six new lodges, one in person and five by proxy, the granting of dispensations for seven new lodges, and the laying of seven corner stones. He reports the promulgation of several circular let-

ters, one of which was concerning forms for use by lodges, one inhibiting the collection of funds for the McKinley memorial association, (see review of Ohio,) and one to stop the traffic in a so-called masonic ritual.

He notes the receipt of an invitation from Oregon to attend a conference of grand masters planned to meet in Portland, which he declined because Mexico was included in the list to be invited. He reports correspondence had with the George Washington memorial association, and his attendance at the meeting held at Alexandria, and took occasion to commend this undertaking to the grand lodge. Later on he introduced to the grand lodge Bro. Warren S. Seip, of Maryland, who visited grand lodge as the personal representative of Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, for the purpose of presenting the claim of this association for favorable action. Bro. Seip made quite a lengthy oration which is published in full in the proceedings, and which demonstrates to his satisfaction that George Washington, Lord Fairfax and Bro. Thomas J. Shryock all belong in the category of the *GREAT*: Washington in his own right, Lord Fairfax on account of his having been the original discoverer of Washington, and Bro. Shryock for having personally undertaken to see to it that the memory of Washington shall flourish in immortal green, and for exhibiting a complaisant willingness to use the funds of any grand lodge to further this laudible enterprise. His speech evidently hit the center, as the grand lodge subscribed three thousand dollars to the fund.

The grand master cites a number of inter-jurisdictional courtesies received and extended, tending to show that, here as elsewhere the circumlocution office is in action.

The grand master reported forty-one general rulings, which fill twenty-eight pages of the proceedings, all of them construing local regulations, and all approved, (some with slight modifications,) by the committee on jurisprudence. The following are deemed interesting—

Q. No. 5. Would a clerk in a county dispensary be eligible as a candidate?

A. We have no laws regulating a man's business. A question of this kind is a moral one, and as such is within the province and control of the lodge, through the secret ballot. * * * *

Q. No. 9. We have a minister of the gospel who has received his E. A. degree in Mexico, but wants to make application to our lodge for all the degrees. Would there be any objection to his making application to our lodge for the degrees?

A. If he has resided the required length of time and desires to petition your lodge, with a full statement as to his having received the E. A. degree in Mexico, I would hold that your lodge can properly entertain his petition. I would further hold that he would have to receive the E. A. degree in your lodge.

Q. No. 14. With reference to the granting of a demit, I would like to ask if it is necessary for a ballot to be taken in order to ascertain the

action of the lodge? In case it is necessary for the spreading of the ballot, what is necessary for a choice?

A. * * * * Majority vote is necessary to grant a dimit, * * * * Personally I think it should be a unanimous vote. * * * *

Q. No. 20. Several years ago one Mr. Blank was regularly initiated an E. A. in our lodge. Shortly after, he went to Italy, where without any knowledge on our part he received the F. C. and M. M. degrees, and has recently returned to our city, producing a masonic diploma which bears out the above facts. He further states that he did not have to take the E. A. degree over again in Italy, but that the lodge "*made the degree good.*" He now wishes to obtain a dimit from his Italian lodge for the purpose of affiliating with our lodge. Do we consider him a master mason, and can we entertain his application for affiliation?

A. * * * * "I would hold that he is still the material of your lodge. Should he desire to proceed, having been absent several years, he should make formal application for advancement, which application should lie over for one month before being acted upon, and upon unanimous favorable ballot, your lodge could proceed to confer the degrees, collecting the customary fee therefor.

From the report of the grand secretary it appears that he collected on account of the general fund $20,369.20 all of which was paid over to the grand treasurer. From the same report it appears that during the year the sum of $1,403.02 was paid to the Masonic war relief association, of which the sum of $500.00 was contributed from grand lodge funds, and the balance from lodges and individuals. From the same source it appears that the net gain in membership during the year was 262.

Some member of the grand lodge called attention to a document in his possession tending to indicate that the session of the grand lodge then being held should be numbered the 179th annual, instead of the 139th, where upon the following was adopted—

Resolved: that a committee be appointed to look into the matter of the age of the grand lodge, and report fully to the grand lodge at its next annual communication.

It is conceived that the report of this important committee might project South Carolina into the contest for the "Age" now being waged in the Masonic Press, by claimants on the part of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia, severally

On motion it was ordered that the next annual be held at Charleston.

The annual election resulted in the choice of Bro. R. A. Cooper as grand master, and in the re-election of Bro. O. Frank Hart as grand secretary.

There is a review of proceedings of sister jurisdictions, by Bro. J. L. Michie, which as reports go, is fairly entitled to be classed as excellent. From the conclusion to his report the following are extracted—

As we predicted last year, the ill-conceived idea of the grand lodge of Oregon to start a general grand lodge for the United States and Canada,

has fallen through. Not a single grand lodge would have anything to do with it. * * * *

The documentary evidence fad is gaining ground among our grand jurisdictions, so that it would be well for the brethren to provide themselves with the necessary certificate before traveling into foreign countries. Tax receipts and receipted tailor's bills might come in handy too,—no saying. * * * *

There seems to be an increasing tendency among certain grand lodges to usurp the privileges and prerogatives of subordinate lodges, a tendency we very much deplore. Constituent, or subordinate lodges should be allowed to regulate their own domestic affairs in their own way, so long as they do not violate the constitution, and act up to the ancient usages landmarks, and established customs of our fraternity.

Every word of this last extract should be strongly emphasized, except the word subordinate.

His treatment of Illinois, is generous and fraternal, devoting as he does to our proceedings for 1914 five interesting pages. He notes what Bro. Burnap says in the Grand Master's report concerning organizations within lodges; the St. Louis Conference; funeral service in case of Cremation: Notes the celebration of our seventy-fifth anniversary, and the addresses of brethren Scott, Bell and Wright. He says that the report of the Committees on Appeals and Grievances was a model one; Notes the appointment of a committee to revise the writings of Bro. Joseph Robbins, deceased, and says—

Brother Robbins was one of the intellectual giants of the Round Table, and his writings when published will be a very valuable addition to masonic literature. He refers also to the report of the committee on music. He says—

The report on masonic correspondence is very ably presented by Bro. Owen Scott, past grand master and proceeds to quote liberally from the report.

In particular he quotes Bro. Scott as saying—

There may be sister chapters of the Eastern Star, and why not brother lodges, grand, and constituent? To which he replies—

This is a great question, and clamors for settlement.

R. A. Cooper, Laurens, M. W. Grand Master; O. Frank Hart, Columbia, R. W. Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1916.

143 Lodges 42nd Annual 11,709 Members

A full page portrait of the retiring grand master, brother Marshall R. Brown appears upon the fly-leaf of the proceedings, and elsewhere in the volume is a like picture of past grand master, brother Samuel A. Brown, committee on foreign correspondence. The annual communication was held at Sioux Falls, commencing June 7, 1916, and after prayer by the grand chaplain was opened in ample form, and presided over by the grand master, Bro. Marshall R. Brown, the other grand lodge officers being in their respective stations. Seventeen past grand masters were present to dignify the assembly, and the representatives of thirty-five foreign grand lodges were in the diplomatic circle, Illinois not of this number.

Immediately after the opening the grand master appointed a committee of five "To convey the greetings of the grand lodge to the grand chapter of the Order of Eastern Star," which was then in session in the same city.

Next followed an address of welcome by the master of the local lodge, which was responded to by past grand master Harvey J. Rice, on behalf of the grand lodge.

In a brief address the grand master recounted the activities of the year. He announced the decease during the year of many brethren of local prominence, none of whom, however, were of the family of the grand lodge, or permanent members thereof. Among the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions brethren Edward Cook and William H. Scott, past grand masters of Illinois are mentioned.

He reported the granting of one dispensation to form a new lodge, ten dispensations to elect or install officers, and the approval of amendments to the by-laws of ten lodges.

One decision only is reported to-wit—
That a lodge cannot levy an assessment for any purpose.

He reported the laying of one corner stone, and the dedication of one hall.

He reported his attendance, (by proxy) on the meeting of the Washington Memorial Association at Alexandria, Va.

The grand secretary reported the collection during the year of the sum of $15,794.26, of which the sum of $9,896.45 was fees and dues from lodges, and $5,819.00 for charity fund. The grand secretary's report also shows a net gain in membership during the year of 546.

From the same report the following is reproduced—

You have witnessed the ceremonies of introducing the Flag of our Country at the opening of the grand lodge this morning, and I hope the brethren at this session will take some action so that the same ceremony may be carried out hereafter, not only in the grand lodge, but in the subordinate lodges, as well.

Later during the session the following was adopted by the grand lodge—

Be it resolved that this grand lodge most fraternally requests that each subordinate lodge under its jurisdiction, keep within its hall an American Flag, and immediately after the lodge is declared open, the stewards, on the order of the worshipful master, retire to the anteroom, secure the "colors" and escort it to the altar, the lodge standing; and after singing one verse of the National Hymn, "America," carry the flag to the East, and place it at the right hand of the Worshipful Master, thus carrying out the ceremony presented at the opening of the grand lodge.

This is interesting, though not novel to Illinois craftsmen. The decision of the grand master above referred to was by the committee on jurisprudence disapproved on the grounds that two former grand masters had decided many years ago, that a lodge may impose and collect from its members special assessments, even though no by-law authorized the same.

The grand lodge ordered the committee to submit an amendment to the by-laws, regulating the matter, rightly concluding that such power is of such importance to the lodges that it should not rest on judicial construction alone. The imposition upon the members of a lodge of any assessments except such as are specifically provided for by its by-laws, for any purpose, or under any circumstances, is a matter of doubtful expediency, if not dangerous.

The record shows that on the first day of the session—

At 2:40 o'clock the junior grand deacon announced that a delegation from the grand chapter, Order of the Eastern Star was in waiting in the ante-room. The grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment, and the delegation consisting of a number of officers of the grand chapter, and three officers from the general grand chapter, were admitted. Among the latter was Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin of Illinois. The visitors were introduced by the chairman of a committee appointed, and two of the delegation, made speeches to the grand lodge, which are printed.

Mrs. Pitkin presented the grand lodge with an American flag, with a patriotic speech. Whether the speech was made in order to the presentation of the flag, or whether the flag was presented to furnish occasion for the speech, deponent saith not. The flag appears to have been a fine one, likewise the speech.

At the annual election of officers Bro. James Roane was elected grand master, and Bro. Geo. A. Pettigrew re-elected grand secretary.

Following the installation ceremonies the retiring grand master was presented with a past grand master's jewel, the presentation being made by

his father, brother Thos. H. Brown, also, past grand master. The occasion was unique, and the speech fitting.

The report on correspondence is by brother S. A. Brown, past grand master, and consists of 216 pages of very readable matter. Illinois is fraternally and considerately treated. He says—

What Illinois has, and the thing we most envy her, is a corps of some three hundred right worshipful grand lecturers.

He quotes from brother Burnap's annual report what is therein said concerning the European war and "Moon" lodges.

He notices, also, what is said with reference to club rooms adjacent to lodges, bequests and the royal arch memorial hospital.

He says—

The report on correspondence is as usual by past grand master, Owen Scott, who is an industrious and painstaking member of the guild, with only one drawback, which is not many, and to which we have referred before.

He quotes from brother Scott's report what is therein said concerning "landmarks."

Bro. James Roane, Grand Master, Yankton; Bro. Geo. A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary, Sioux Falls.

TENNESSEE—1916

463 Lodges 102nd Annual 28,300 Members

The printed proceedings of the grand lodge of Tennessee constitute a volume of 322 pages, adorned by full page portraits of the grand master, Charles Barham and the grand secretary, Stith M. Cain. Both of these brethren are smoothly and closely shaven, and have faces of such character that they can afford to shave, which is more than can be said of some of us.

The annual communication was held in Nashville January 26, 1916, and was opened in ample form by the grand master, Bro. T. A. Hisey, all the other grand lodge officers being present. The assembly was dignified by the presence, also, of seventeen past grand masters. The grand master's address fills forty-one pages, and gives an account of his official activities. With appropriate expression of sorrow, he notes the passing, during the year of three past grand masters, Henry Hurlburt Ingersoll, John T. Williamson and Newton McConnell, and of Bro. John Berry Garrett, for twenty-one year right worshipful grand secretary.

In noting the decease of distinguished brethren of other grand jurisdictions, he mentions Bro. Edward Cook, past grand master of Illinois.

He notes the appointment of Bro. Stith M. Cain to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the grand secretary, which occurred in March, 1915, and says:

It becomes necessary here, as the most appropriate time and place, to call attention to the generous treatment of the widow of our deceased grand secretary by Bro. Cain. He has divided his salary with Bro. Garett's widow during the last year. It is due to Bro. Cain to say that the first knowledge of his kindness to Mrs. Garrett came from other sources than himself.

It must be a pleasure to know Bro. Cain, as he proclaims by his conduct that he not only considers himself his "Brother's keeper," but that the comfort and well-being of his brother's family is a matter right next to his heart. His conduct, according to what the grand master says, stands out in splendid contrast with that of the original "Cain."

The grand master reports the laying of twelve corner stones, four in person and eight by proxy. He reports issuing twenty-two special dispensations, most of them for the purposes of electing or installing officers of lodges at times other than prescribed by their by-laws, or to remove from one hall to another. He reports forty-five official visits to lodges during the year. He reports that the "McKinley chain letter" scheme was to some extent exploited in Tennessee during the year, and the steps taken to stop the matter pursuant to the action of the grand lodge of Ohio, as mentioned in the review of Ohio, in this report.

The grand master mentions the following—

"*Gen. Gideon J. Pillow*"—The grand master was permitted to have the keen pleasure of ordering a certificate of good standing issued to the family of this distinguished Tennessean, that his remains might be reinterred with masonic honors in the confederate section of the national cemetery at Arlington.

The committee on jurisprudence to whom the grand master's address was referred, reported as follows concerning this—

We appreciate the respect and patriotic sentiment which prompted the action of the grand master in this connection; however, we find no precedent or authority to support his action, but much in opposition to, and disapproval of same. The facts in the case are as follows—

General Pillow, famous in war and held in great respect and esteem in private life, was a member of Euphenia lodge No. 195, (now defunct) and was suspended by said lodge June 1876 for non-payment of dues. He died a great many years ago, leaving unpaid the dues for the non-payment of which he had been suspended. In order that his body might be re-interred with masonic ceremonies the grand master undertook to clear up the record by remitting said dues, and thereupon issued certificate of good standing. It is the unanimous and positive finding of your committee on masonic jurisprudence that the grand master has no right or authority either to remit dues, reinstate a deceased suspended brother, or to issue a certificate

of good standing under such circumstances. Disapproval of the action of the grand master in this connection is therefore recommended.

The recommendation of the committee was concurred in by the grand lodge. It would appear that there could be no two opinions concerning the soundness of the conclusion of the committee, or of this action of the grand lodge,—but if the general's bones have already been re-interred with masonic ceremonies, thirty-seven years after his decase, as is presumed, its adverse action, so far as it relates to this case is ineffective. The grand master reports thirty-five decisions, most of them relating to the provisions of their code. Nine of these were disapproved by the committee on jurisprudence, and the grand lodge. In number 1, the grand master decided that—

Masonic lodges have little or no se for trustees: the worshipful master and wardens, and their successors in office, are the proper officers in whom to vest title.

In the report of the committee disapproving this decision it is said—

Masonic lodges may, sometimes not only have extensive use for trustees, but they are in some cases required and absolutely essential to the proper handling of property interests of lodges.

If the grand lodge of Tennessee is incorporated pursuant to the laws of Tennessee, and if the act of incorporation constitutes the constituent lodges thereof, bodies corporate, as is the case in Illinois, the better opinion would appear to be, that the grand master was right, at least in so far as deciding that "masonic lodges have little or no use for trustees," the committee and the grand lodge to the contrary, notwithstanding. Bro. A. H. Bell, when most worshipful grand master of Illinois, in his annual report for 1908, said the last word on the subject of lodge trustees. Lodges, if incorporated, purchase and convey, and sue and are sued like other corporations. Commenting on No. 19, the committee on jurisprudence reports—

The grand master was advised of the case of a Tennessee mason who some years ago dimitted, moved to Mexico and joined a Mexican lodge there. Later he dimitted from the Mexican lodge, which has since become defunct; has now moved back to Tennessee, where he has petitioned for affiliation, and the grand master was asked whether such application, based on a dimit from a defunct lodge of a jurisdiction not recognized by our grand lodge can be received. The grand master gave affirmative answer. We recommend non-concurrence. * * * *

In No. 15, the grand master was asked for a ruling on the method of re-instating a brother under sentence of *definite suspicion*, and ruled that—

The same proceedings must be had as if restoring a brother under sentence of indefinite suspension, and that a two-thirds vote would be required.

In the dissenting opinion of the committee it is well said, that—

In such case whether the period be one year or one day the suspended brother is deprived of all his masonic rights, except the right of appeal,

until the definite and fixed term of his suspension, and at which time his restoration takes place by operation of law, and he has the right to resume his place among the craft.

The grand master recommended—

That the grand lodge publish in the new code an advisory form, giving as full directions as possible to lodges which desire to borrow money or to bond their property for the purpose of building new halls.

Very wisely this recommendation was disapproved by the committee and the grand lodge.

Concerning "the widows' and orphans' home," the grand master says—

This institution deserves and receives the support of masons. The problem of its adequate support has been before the grand lodge from time to time, and is again before the grand lodge for careful consideration.

The total income of the home for the year 1913 was $25,021.72. The total income of the home for the year 1914 was $28,177.29 with a balance on hand to be carried over to the year 1915, of $2,796.00. The old masons' home will probably be in commission and open to receive inmates the coming year. The grand master has been assured that it will be filled in six months from the time of its opening. It is figured to have a capacity of from sixty to eighty inmates. The average cost of maintenance in 1913 was $149.32 per capita. The average cost of maintenance in 1914 was $134.28. The average number of inmates in 1913 was 144. The average number of inmates in 1914 was 164. * * * *

In Illinois we call them members. On the first day of the session the conferring of the entered apprentice was "exemplified under the auspices of the board of custodians of the work," at 7:30 p. m. and on the evening of the second day of the session the conferring of the master mason degree was in like manner exemplified.

In their code, which is published in the printed proceedings under review, it is provided in "Edict 55," that—

For the purpose of preserving, as nearly as possible free from error and innovation, the work and lectures of symbolic masonry, within this jurisdiction, and in order that there may be constituted a recognized representative committee of this grand lodge whose duty it shall be to give especial attention to this important matter, and decide all questions relating thereto, in the name and by the authority of this grand lodge, there is hereby created a board of custodians of the work and lectures, which shall consist of three members, one of whom shall reside in each grand division of the state. * * * * It shall be the duty of said board of custodians to meet at Nashville each year, one week in advance of the meeting of the grand lodge, at its annual communication, rehearse in detail and agree upon the work and lectures of the degrees, and during the session of the grand lodge, to exemplify said work, and rehearse said lectures before the grand lodge at such times as may be appointed and set apart for the purpose. * * * *

The report of the committee on appeals and grievances is quite voluminous, showing a number of cases, and the report gives the charges and specifications with the names of all the parties, in full, and the comments

and findings of the committee. Much space might be saved, and good taste evinced, by eliminating from the printed proceedings everything but the recommendation of the committee, but particularly the names of the accused.

The published returns of lodges show a net gain in membership, during the year of two hundred nineteen.

The grand lodge ordered the granting of five charters to new lodges, and the granting of three dispensations for new lodges.

There is a report on foreign correspondence, subscribed by Bro. Henry A. Chambers, past grand master, consisting of one hundred nine pages.

Of Illinois, he says, "This big grand lodge does big things," and proceeds to quote financial statistics from our proceedings for 1915.

He quotes from Bro. Burnap's report what is therein stated concerning our growth in numbers; his comments on the death of Bro. Cook, past grand master, also, on the death of Bro. John C. Black, right worshipful past grand orator; also, what is in his report stated concerning questions addressed to the grand master.

He also quotes from what is in said report stated concerning the dedication of the royal arch memorial hospital, at Sullivan.

He quotes from Bro. Scott's "Preview" to his report on correspondence, and from his statistical table.

The next annual will be held at Nashville, January 31, 1917.

Charles Barham, Grand Master, Nashville; Stith M. Cain, Grand Secretary, Nashville.

TEXAS—1919

884 Lodges 80th Annual 65,809 Members

Everything about Texas, with its more than two hundred sixty-two thousand square miles of area, is characterized by the one dominant notion of *magnitude*, and this dominant feature apparently pervades and gives shape to everything connected with masonry.

One hundred and six masonic districts with as many district deputy grand masters, thirteen hundred twenty-two pages of printed proceedings, constituting a volume weighing four pounds avoirdupois (paper bound), adorned by the pictures of six past grand masters, and one past master; a "Panoramic View of the Home" at Ft. Worth; a lovely, and most attract-

ive group picture of the "Girls Tennis Group" at the home; a group picture of the boys' masonic home military band at the home; a group picture of the girls' basketball team at the home; and last but not least in this category, a full page portrait of the committee on correspondence, Bro. Geo. W. Tyler, followed by the pictures of eight of his illustrious predecessors are some of the features tending to impress one with the greatness of Texas masonry. Even the well-groomed whiskers of Bro. Tyler as they show up in his picture, consistently help to make prominent the notion of magnitude.

So fearful, apparently, are the brethren of Texas that this idea of greatness may fail of being adequately exemplified in their published proceedings that they publish a roster of the members of all their lodges, thus requiring five hundred forty-three pages for names *only*.

The eightieth grand annual communication was held in the city of Waco, commencing on the 7th day of December, 1915, and was opened in due and ample form by the grand master, Jewel P. Lightfoot, all the other grand lodge officers being present except the grand chaplain and grand stewards.

There were present, also, eighteen past grand masters, and the representatives of forty-three foreign grand lodges, the representative from Illinois, not of this number. The members of the diplomatic circle were by the most worshipful grand master called "to assemble around the altar," where they were welcomed as the representatives of their several jurisdictions. This address of welcome was responded to by grand master Bro. Sam P. Cochran, representative of Maryland.

The grand masters' address fills fifty-eight pages, and indicates a very busy year for him officially. He mentions, with appropriate expressions of sorrow the decease of two past grand masters during the year, Bro. Augustus Weyman Houston, Sr., and Bro. Benjamin Franklin Frymer.

Among the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions he notes the passing of Bro. Edward Cook, past grand master of Illinois.

Under the head of "Foreign Relations" the grand master reports the following—

A petitioner for the degrees was rejected by Tarrant lodge No. 942 on February 10, 1908, and again, on renewal of his petition was rejected on March 13, 1913. Afterwards, and during last year the same person presented himself as a visitor, as a full-fledged master mason, and a member of Mizpah lodge No. 768 of Chicago. The latter lodge on being questioned as to its action in the premises replied, that the petitioner stated that he had never petitioned any other lodge for the degrees, and that his statement had not been questioned; that it was evident that the applicant had received the degrees by misstatement and fraud, and deserved the extreme penalty of expulsion from the fraternity. The grand master then took up the matter with the grand master of Illinois, who ordered the master of

Mizpah lodge to cause charges to be preferred against the offender, which appears to have been done, and the grand master concludes by saying, "On October 30, 1915, I was advised that he had been found guilty and expelled."

Under the same head he reports the receipt of a protest under seal of the regional grand lodge of the Philippines against the founding of the grand lodge of the Philippine Islands, which was referred to the committee on correspondence. After an exhaustive discussion of the substance of this protest, and the attitude of the protestants before the masonic world the committee very wisely concludes as follows—

We advise therefore that the protest of the regional grand lodge of the Philippines be respectfully overruled and denied.

The report appears to have been adopted.

The grand master reports correspondence had with the masonic war relief association, and the collecting from Texas lodges, and remitting to the association, of the sum of two thousand nine hundred twenty dollars and thirty cents.

The grand master reported twenty-one decisions, all of which were approved by the committee on jurisprudence, and the grand lodge, most of them construing the provisions of their code, and none of them of very great consequence except to those concerned. Among the decisions No. 17 is interesting—

Acton lodge No. 285 expelled Brother W. J. D. The case was appealed to the grand lodge and the judgment was reversed and remanded for a new trial, and venue changed by the grand lodge to Tolar lodge No. 871. * * * * The case was tried and the defendant acquitted by 23 white to 1 black ball.

Question—Did the action of Tolar lodge in acquitting Brother W. J. D. in the absence of a specific reinstatement to membership by the grand lodge, restore him to membership in Acton lodge?

The grand master correctly decided this question in the affirmative.

"Ye call me master, and ye do well; for so I am." The following is reproduced to show that some are inappropriately called *master*. No. 18. A master mason in good standing joined the Roman Catholic church. The question was propounded by the worshipful master, whether he had thereby renounced masonry, and whether it would be proper for charges to be preferred against him. Of course the grand master held that there is no law making it a masonic offense for a master mason to align himself with the Catholic church.

The following is reproduced to exhibit the peculiar views of our Texas brethren—

No. 19. On the 11th and 12th of October, 1915, the encampment branch of the I. O. O. F. held its meeting in Terrell. The Odd Fellows lodge room

was destroyed by fire, and a dispensation was requested to authorize them to hold their meetings in the masonic lodge room, and to confer degrees therein. Held: That under the edicts of the grand lodge the grand master could not grant such a dispensation.

Of course this is the business of the brethren of Texas alone, but at this great distance the expediency of an edict of the nature intimated, or the necessity for a dispensation in such cases is not apparent. The matter of letting the hall for the purpose mentioned was the concern of the local lodge, and any law or edict interfering with this right is an unwarranted infringement upon its rights as a body.

The grand master notes the arrest of the charter of one lodge, and the suspension of one charter for ninety days, and the deposing from office of the masters of two lodges. He notes the constituting of twelve new lodges.

One cannot but conjecture from the proceedings that in Texas, in case a petitioner for the degrees has any main defect, tuberosity, cicatrice, or any abnormal development on or about the body, the matter of his eligibility must be submitted to, and determined by the grand master, and of this class of cases the grand master decided in forty-eight instances that the candidates were eligible, and in thirty-two instances decided that the candidates were ineligible. It appears that a great deal of labor might be saved and matters simplified by constructing their law as to physical qualifications after the model of Illinois. Think of a grand master's rendering the solemn decision that a slight defect in left eye, the ball being uninjured, and applicant able to distinguish clearly, objects at a distance of 30 to 40 feet with same, is eligible (physically) to receive the degrees.

The grand master notes the conferring of degrees by courtesy for lodges of other grand jurisdictions in thirty-one cases, one of which was for Trilumnar lodge No. 767, Chicago, Illinois; he further notes that at the instance of Texas lodges, made through him degrees had been conferred by lodges in other grand jurisdictions in twelve instances, all of which was arranged for, by and between the grand masters concerned, showing that the circumlocution office (as the late Bro. Joseph Robbins called it), is in action.

It would appear that in Texas the lodges are held in leading strings so closely by the grand lodge that they can neither sell nor incumber their own property without the consent of the grand master, and hence he reports the granting to lodges in fourteen instances, leave to sell or mortgage property.

Concerning the home the grand master says—

It gives me great pleasure to note the splendid condition of our masonic home and school at Ft. Worth. The institution is in its highest state of efficiency, and the work being done there is unexcelled anywhere in this

country. The distinguished board of directors have so managed affairs as to merit the gratitude of the craft, and have added additional luster to their brilliant masonic records by their devoted service to its important interests.

It elsewhere appears that on October 1, 1915, there were in the home one hundred twelve boys and one hundred one girls. Schools are supported by the home fund with a complete corps of teachers and specialists, and judging from the course of study, published in the report of the superintendent the instruction is of high order. Through the munificence of the Knights Templar of Texas they have also a well equipped hospital, with every modern convenience for the treatment of the diseased among the members of the home. It appears that the total cost of maintenance during the last year was $47,274.92 and that the net receipts from the farm was the sum of $4,958.23, rendering the cost of maintenance to the grand lodge for the year $42,316.69. Our Texas brethren are to be congratulated on the success of this beneficence.

The grand master recommended that his successor, and all succeeding grand masters be provided with a private secretary at the expense of the grand lodge, showing that the increased duties of the office incident to the circumlocution office, * * * * made such officer necessary. He also recommended that the code be revised and simplified. Both of these recommendations were referred to the committee on jurisprudence where the former was disapproved, and the latter approved. The grand lodge concurred, and a committee on revision was appointed consisting of the incoming grand master and deputy grand master, two members of the committee on jurisprudence, two members of the committee on work, two members of the committee on finance and three members of the grand lodge who are not officers thereof, nor members of any of the foregoing committees. All this to intimate that Texas does nothing except on a large scale.

In the conclusion of his address, the grand master uses some language which appears rather remarkable, being addressed to a grand lodge of ancient, free and accepted masons. He says—

The foundation of all masonry, speculative, philosophical or universal, has always been, and ever will continue to be established in the three degrees of the blue lodge. To my mind there is no higher rank or title than that of brother or more noble insignia than that represented in the white apron of a master mason. Around the sacred altars of the blue lodge cluster many of the most important and significant symbols. * * * *

Yet, my brethren, every master mason fully understands that the blue lodge degrees do not contain all the light of masonry.

To those of us who have been privileged to take the degrees of the York and Scottish rites comes the irresistible wish that a larger number of the craft would avail themselves of the opportunity and privilege which they have of acquiring the additional light and knowledge unfolded in those

sublime rites. * * * * All of which, to quote the late Senator Hoar, ''would be very true, if it were true.'' It would appear that every master mason should understand that there is no regular masonry except the masonry defined and bounded by the ancient charges and landmarks, and should also know that in these no mention is made of any degrees save those of apprentice, fellow and master.

On the other hand no master mason, as such, can understand what our distinguished brother means by the ''blue lodge,'' the York rite,'' nor the ''Scottish rite,'' because these terms are not of the nomenclature of ancient craft masonry. There can be no reason to quarrel with, or object to those modern ''sky-scraper'' systems in whose vocabulary these terms belong, and which are masonic in the sense of being composed of masons, but the intimation to a body of master masons that there is any regular masonry outside of, and beyond that contemplated by the ''charges of a freemason'' adopted by the grand lodge of England in 1723, and adopted as the organic law of every regular grand lodge formed since that date (including the grand lodge of Texas), is certainly amiss from the purpose, and misleading.

Supporting this view the late Bro. Joseph Robbins said—

At the time the first grand lodge was formed there was not then, nor had there been any freemasonry existing outside of the British Isles. The modern claim, or rather suggestion—for no masonic student of reputation dares to make the direct claim—that masonry developed at different centers at the same time independently of each other, is without even the shadow of a foundation in fact. There was no freemasonry but British freemasonry and the Frenchman or the German (and may we say, also, the Texan, or the Illinoisan), who received this, received it under precisely the same conditions and obligations as the Englishman, the Irishman or the Scotchman, all equally agreeing to preserve inviolate the landmarks which define the body of masonry as being representative in its government, preserving to every member equal rights and eligibilities with every other member, and excluding all distinctions save those of *apprentice, fellow and master* by providing for no others.

The grand master appointed a special committee on masonic research, and during this session the committee reported favoring a standing committee to be styled the ''committee on masonic research,'' to be appointed by the incoming grand master, before the close of each annual communication. The duties of such committee are sufficiently indicated by their title and they shall report at each succeeding annual communication of the grand lodge such matters, and with such recommendations as they may deem advisable. * * * * The report was concurred in by the grand lodge and the grand master appointed a committee consisting of five members, pursuant thereto. The returns of lodges show a net gain in membership during the year of 2,159.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted the grand lodge authorized the grand secretary to apply for one hundred dollars worth of stock in the Washington memorial association.

On the first day of the annual meeting an evening session was held, and an interesting and highly instructive oration was delivered by Bro. R. L. Ball, right worshipful grand orator, his theme being "Character and the Influence of Masonry." The oration is printed in the proceedings, is well worth the reading, and portions of it might well be quoted here, but space forbids.

There is a report on foreign correspondence from the pen of Bro. Geo. W. Tyler, consisting of three hundred forty-one well written pages. As a prelude to his report he gives a sketch of his predecessors in office, in the opening part of which he says—

We have taken down from the shelf the old volumes of our Texas proceedings and have turned over the pages of the seventy-eight years of our grand lodge history. We have rolled back the stone from the door to the ancient quarry in which the "ashlars were cut, squared and numbered" by our craftsmen of the long ago, and have transcribed their names from the vaulted chambers of the sacred past. We have there stood uncovered amid the evidences of the skill and cunning workmanship of those faithful brother masons who have threaded the weary path of the correspondence writer in the circling years of the grand lodge of Texas. It was not surprising to find them a goodly company, those faithful and brilliant craftsmen who for so long labored in the quarry to build up the masonic edifice of our grand jurisdiction to its present proportions of grandeur and beauty. * * * *

He devotes six pages to a review of Illinois for 1914. He quotes from Bro. Burnap's annual report what is therein stated concerning the European war, makes reference to what is said concerning general grand lodge, the Washington memorial association, bequests to the grand lodge, Joseph Robbins memorial, organizations within lodges, autobiographies of grand lodge officers, and quotes the substance of what is stated on the subject of cremation. He makes mention of the celebration of our seventy-fifth anniversary and of the speeches delivered by past grand masters Goddard, Scott, Bell and Wright, and says—

But for their length we would gladly copy them in full.

Of Bro. Owen Scott, he says—

Being the only member of the committee, there was, of course, no one else to prepare it (report on correspondence), but then there was no need of any one else,—he has such a happy way of doing his work that any one else would simply be in the way. He writes a preface containing some wisdom in solid chunks which every thinking mason should consider and appreciate, even though possibly not concurring in everything said by the able brother.

The next annual meeting will be held at Waco, December 5, 1916.

Grand Master, Dan S. McMillin, Whiteright; Grand Secretary, W. B. Pearson, Waco.

UTAH—1916

20 Lodges 45th Annual 2,473 Members

The attractive appearing volume containing the proceedings of the grand lodge of Utah is adorned by the pictures of Bro. C. C. Griggs, grand master, and Bro. John Shaw Scott, past grand master, (deceased.)

The annual communication was held at Salt Lake City, January 18, 1916, and was opened in ample form, and presided over by Bro. William J. Shealy, grand master, the other grand lodge officers being in their places. Sixteen past grand masters graced the occasion, and the representatives of thirty-nine foreign grand lodges were in the diplomatic circle, Bro. A. S. Chapman, the representative from Illinois, being of this number.

The grand master's address is quite short, and gives a succint account of the year's activities. At the threshold of his report, he announces the death during the year of Bro. John Shaw Scott, past grand master. Mention is made of the contribution by the grand lodge of three hundred dollars, to the war relief fund, and the grand master recommended further contributions to the same cause. He reports the issuance of dispensation for one new lodge, the constitution of one lodge, and the dedication of one hall. He reports having issued three special dispensations, two to enable lodges to change place of meeting, and one to permit a lodge to confer the second and third degrees one week apart. The grand master reported having visited officially every lodge in the grand jurisdiction, except one, and it was visited by the deputy grand master. Of the many questions asked during the year and answered by the grand master, two only are reported, in the first of which he decided that one who had not been installed as a master or warden of a constituted lodge, could not for want of eligibility, be named in a dispensation as master of a lodge U. D.

In the second the grand master had something of a problem; A brother was initiated as an E. A. in a Utah lodge; subsequently he removed to the jurisdiction of a lodge in Nevada, where he petitioned for advancement, but before the leave from his home lodge was obtained the member of the Nevada lodge had, as reported, become aware of his dissipated habits, and refused to advance him, whereupon his home lodge suspended him for intoxication.

He next petitioned a lodge in Tacoma, Washington, for advancement, but before he could get straight before this lodge the brethren became aware of his habits, refused to have anything to do with him, and so reported to his home lodge. Some time after this he appeared in another city in Washington, petitioned the lodge there, and received the three degrees,

making no mention of the fact that he had received his first degree in the Utah lodge.

Learning his record the lodge in Washington caused charges to be preferred against him, put him on trial, and suspended him for six months. The matter was certified to the grand master of Washington, and he being at first of the opinion that the Utah lodge, in which he had received the E.A. degree, was the lodge which should take cognizance of the offense, held the matter in abeyance, and reported his action to the grand master of Utah. He decided that Utah should wash its hands of the whole matter, holding, it is presumed, that the principal offense had been that of making false representations to the lodge in Washington, where he had received the degrees, and that it had properly assumed jurisdiction. The grand master says, further—

A copy of my decision was sent to the grand master of Washington, who replied that he agreed with me after the explanation. It is presumed that we can all agree, except as to the adequacy of the punishment.

The grand master submitted three recommendations as follows:

First: That the lecture in the master mason degree be given at some future meeting if the lodge so desires.

Second: That it is not obligatory to examine candidates as to their proficiency in the degree in open lodge, but, if the lodge so elects, they may have this examination made before a committee appointed for that purpose; and

Third: That the lodges be given the privilege of conferring more than one master mason degree at a meeting, leaving it to their judgment as to the number.

The first two afford an excellent exemplification of how not to do it. As to the third, there should be a limit, but lodges should be allowed to confer the master mason degree on more than a single candidate at the same meeting,—some grand lodges have a limit of five,—in Illinois seven are allowed. Our Utah brethren, however, took a different view of recommendations 1 and 2 to what might have been expected, and amended their code as follows—

Sec. 156. Every lodge in this jurisdiction may in all cases of conferring degrees deliver the lecture appertaining to the degree conferred, either at the time the degree is conferred, or at such future time as the master may determine, not exceeding thirty days from the time of conferring the degree.

Sec. 151. No candidate shall be advanced to the second or third degree until he shall have passed a satisfactory examination in open lodge, or before a committee appointed for the purpose, as to his masonic proficiency. The test of proficiency shall be decided by the master, or a majority of the brethren present at the meeting, or by the committee, as the case may be. A brother may be advanced at any meeting of the lodge after having been duly examined as herein required.

The grand master says—

Standard work is being followed everywhere and all of the officers are well posted in their duties. Last year Bro. Cherry, my predecessor, said that there was real need and popular demand for masonic instruction and education which was authorized by the grand lodge. As a result many lectures on masonic subjects have been given by members of the lodges in the jurisdiction with splendid results.

The grand secretary's report shows the collection of $4748.38 during the year of which the sum of $3914.50 was grand lodge dues. From the same report it appears that the net gain in membership during the year was one hundred and sixteen.

On recommendation of the committee on correspondence fraternal recognition was extended to the grand lodge of Queensland.

Upon the report and recommendation of the committee on lodges, charters were ordered granted to two new lodges.

It appears that the Utah code requires a certificate of proficiency, as a prerequisite to being installed as master of a chartered lodge, and the grand lecturer reported three violations of this provision.

The matter was referred to a committee which recommended that the three masters be ordered to appear before the grand lecturer and exhibit their proficiency for their duties, and obtain the required certificate.

Bro. Charles Clifton Griggs was elected grand master, and Bro. Freeman A. McCarty was re-elected grand secretary.

Following the installation of officers, past grand master William J. Shealy presented to Bro. Griggs the signet ring of the grand master, as has been done at the annual communication of the grand lodge during the past twenty-two years. Most worshipful grand master Griggs in accepting the ring, expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred. * * * *

This signet ring business is altogether new, and everybody is at liberty to conjecture as to its significance.

The grand master was presented with an apron by his home lodge, in a very complimentary speech, to which he responded in fitting terms.

A bronze memorial tablet in honor of Bro. Christopher Diehl deceased, was unveiled, with appropriate ceremony and oratory. Bro. Diehl appears to have served as grand secretary from 1872 to 1912 inclusive. He also wrote the report of the committee on correspondence for many years.

The report on foreign correspondence is by past grand master Bro. S. H. Goodwin and is well written. It consists of one hundred twenty-four pages, two of which are given to a review of Illinois for 1915. Of the Illinois proceedings he says—

There is little between the covers of this portly book that can well be dispensed with by the reviewer who would understand the goings-on in this magnificent jurisdiction.

He does find serious fault with the photographer who produced the picture of Bro. Burnap, on the frontispiece of our proceedings, and says—Characteristics are sacrificed to alleged artistic effect. He notes the salient points in the grand master's report and says—

This grand jurisdiction appears to be doing good work in the direction of educating the craft to make bequests for the carrying on of its manifold activities. Why not? Benevolent organizations of the various churches derive no small part of their income from legacies, etc. He says, anent music—

The committee on ceremonial music did its work so well that other grand jurisdictions are asking for quotations on the book thus prepared.

He notes the dedication of the Royal Arch Memorial hospital, and the continuance of the committee on the Joseph Robbins Memorial. Of the report on correspondence he says—

We come to the correspondence report by past grand master Owen Scott with both hands tied. We read this report from preview to the last word and marked numerous passages, but these must be left unconsidered. The reviewer in his opening paragraphs touches on two subjects which we have written upon for our conclusions. * * * * landmarks, and action taken by the grand lodge of England.

The second topic mentioned by Bro. Goodwin relates to a resolution passed by the grand lodge of England June 2, 1915, prohibiting brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian or Turkish birth from attending any masonic meeting under the English constitution. On this subject the brother expresses himself so logically, vehemently, and perhaps appropriately that a part of what he says must be reproduced—

We believe that it is the duty of masons everywhere to protest against this most unmasonic resolution, and for many reasons. Among others—

1. Because it deprives brethren of every masonic right and privilege without charges, summons, or trial, and with no opportunity to defend themselves.

2. Because it violates the principle of the universality of masonry.

3. Because it appears to have been conceived in passion, and born of the elemental prejudices which all too long have cursed mankind.

4. Because to accept such action as being in harmony with the principles of freemasonry; to allow it to pass without protest, would be to take a long step toward establishing a precedent which few masons would care to cite or defend.

The absurdity, the impossibility of such a precedent must appear the moment we think of our own country, with its 51 grand lodges—becoming involved in war with other nations, and those grand lodges following the example of the mother grand lodge. * * * *

True masonry is universal. It knows no race but the human race. It recognizes no distinctions of class or divisions of society but the ability to

serve mankind. It places humanity above nations and the ranks of royalty. It lifts all men to the high level of the sons of God, the brothers of men.

The next annual will be held at Salt Lake City, January 16, 1917.

Bro. Charles C. Griggs, Grand Master, Eureka; Bro. Freeman A. McCarty, Grand Secretary, Salt Lake City.

VERMONT—1916.

103 Lodges 124th Annual 14,055 Members

On the frontispiece of the book of proceedings of this grand lodge is the likeness of brother Chas. H. Darling, the retiring grand master, and further over in the book is the full page picture of brother Marsh O. Perkins, deceased, for many years, and up to the time of his death, committee on correspondence.

The annual meeting was held at Burlington, commencing June 13, 1916, and the grand lodge was opened in ample form, and presided over by the grand master, brother Chas. H. Darling, the other grand lodge officers, being in their stations. Seven past grand masters graced the assemblage, and the representatives of thirty-five foreign grand lodges were in the diplomatic circle, Illinois being apparently, unrepresented.

Telegrams, communicating fraternal greetings from the grand lodges of Nevada and Iowa, both then in session, were read, and appropriate responses ordered.

The grand master's address fills twelve pages, and gives an account of his official acts and doings, and his views on several subjects.

In language of deep bereavement he announced the death, during the year, of brother Marsh O. Perkins, past grand master, and from 1888 to the day of his death, the writer of the reports on foreign correspondence. He says—

At the time of his death he was masonically more widely known than any other Vermonter, and in his own jurisdiction was easily our first Mason.

Mention is made also of the passing of brother William H. Vinton, past senior grand warden.

The grand master says—

Harmony has prevailed among all the workmen in the Temple, and the work has gone on with fervency and zeal. * * * * To those who have been permitted to attend the district meetings for the last twenty years,

it seems to me that it must be admitted that the quality of the work is better, and the character of the meetings are on a higher plane than formerly. The lodge rooms are better and more tastily decorated, and adorned, more cleanly and healthful; and the whole atmosphere of the lodge room bears testimony to a more lofty and wholesome spirit. There is an increased number of lodges that own their own buildings, and the evidence of material prosperity is in keeping with the evidence of moral and intellectual growth.

We are one of the institutions that has demonstrated that frequent change in its organization and principles are not necessary to progress and that its influence in the community may be increasingly felt without noise or advertising, and with no departure from the even tenor of our ways.

Under the head of charity, the grand master said—

Vermont has apparently settled upon the policy of establishing a foundation for a permanent charity fund, the income of which shall be used for charitable purposes. On careful consideration this method seems more practicable and useful than the establishment of a masonic home. Men are often suddenly and temporarily overwhelmed financially, by accident, temporary sickness, either to themselves, or to their families, when a masonic home can afford no relief; while the income of a substantial endowment fund will take care of all such cases, as well as assist the permanently poor and enfeebled. This can be done much more economically and more satisfactorily than similar work can be done at a masonic home. * * * I have been impressed with a notion that obtains among some masons, and occasionally in some jurisdictions, that the masonic institution is an insurance company, and that the payment of dues is a sort of insurance against accident and sickness, and that the question of whether the brother is worthy, or whether he comes to want by reason of vicious and perhaps, criminal habits does not enter into the case. No theory can be further from the truth than such a theory. Our dues are not based upon the amount required as an insurance premium, and it is one of the first rules and one of the earliest taught that in the disposition of charity the brother shall apply to us as such and we find him worthy. And while I do not advocate the dodging of issues nor the technical excuses to satisfy the conscience, and while I uphold the universality of masonic charity, it is good for brethren to remember that charity is a voluntary offering on the one hand, and that the brother must maintain his worthiness on the other.

All of which is true, and is a fine and forcible statement of the basic principles of masonic charity, but it is suggested that the managers of masonic homes, in jurisdictions where homes are maintained, take cognizance of, and endeavor to manage the homes with reference to the principles he elucidates, with as much care as is exercised in Vermont. It may be freely admitted that there are cases which a home does not afford the best method of relief, but with us, there are so many cases to which the home is adapted that we feel amply justified in its maintenance, and in fact do not know how we should do without it. The exceptional cases of objects of charity to which the home is not adapted as the best means of relief must also be attended to, and are just as likely to receive proper attention as though no home were maintained.

Under the head of masonic temple, the grand master reported—

The masonic temple was dedicated June 15, 1898, and its total cost was $87,186.29. This amount has been paid and the temple kept in repairs from the rents received from the temple and from the 30 cents per capita assessment upon the masons of this State.

It is gratifying to report that the last of the debt this year had been extinguished, and that the grand lodge is entirely free from debt.

The grand master reported nine decisions, all of them construing different provisions of their code. In No. 4 he decided that—

For certain masonic offenses the lodge has not the right to adjudge the accused not guilty.

The jurisprudence committee, to whom all decisions were referred, in dissenting from this decision well says—

Your committee is of the opinion that the validity of the judgment of the lodge in this respect depends upon the evidence which was before it, rather than the nature of the offense.

In No. 6, it was decided, *inter alia;* that "No discussion upon the result of the ballot should have been permitted in the lodge after the result had been declared." In modifying this decision the committee says—

The law with reference to a discussion of the result of a ballot upon a petition is even more stringent than as laid down by the grand master. No discussion of the result of a ballot should be permitted at any time or under any circumstances. * * * *

In No. 8, it was decided that—

When objections are made to the initiation of a candidate, and they seem sufficient to the master, he need not and should not communicate the reasons for the objections to the lodge.

In modifying this, the committee says—

An objection to the initiation of a candidate has the same effect as a black ball, and a brother is not obliged to state the reasons for his objections to any one. * * * *

All the rest of his decisions were approved.

Four closely printed pages of the address are filled with a dissertation on "foreign correspondence," in which he affords the tribe of reviewers a good chance to see themselves as others see them. It would appear that the distinguished brother is much impressed by the report of a committee of the grand lodge of Massachusetts, summarizing at great length the arguments against the maintenance of a committee on correspondence, and rehearsing the shortcomings, real and fancied, of reviewers.

The brother says—

A large portion of the report is made with the scissors, gathering together material like the items of a local newspaper. The same news item is reported over and again as it occurs in different jurisdictions, and the reportrial corps, now dubbing themselves knights of the round table, indulge in frequent jokes among themselves, throwing bouquets, mentionining family news items, as births and deaths, filling the columns of the grand lodge proceedings, all at the expense of the brethren. * * * *

All of which, as the late Senator Hoar, would say, "Would be very true, if it were true," but no such report has reached this table. Continuing the brother commits himself as being in favor of the topical plan of review, and selects as a model, the report of Bro. McAllister, of the grand lodge of Washington, who as he, perhaps correctly, says reviews the proceedings of 61 grand jurisdictions in a report of less than forty pages. Concluding what he has to say on this topic, he says—

This method requires more labor for it demands system and thought but it reduces the report to a reasonable and readible length and produces better and more permanent results. You may rest assured that the old system will be changed or the report on foreign correspondence will be abandoned altogether.

The increasing number of jurisdictions compel it,—Vermont should be among the first to meet the new conditions.

Our distinguished brother has a perfect right to express his views, and it does not belong to any of us to find fault with him, but it may without offense be observed, that—

1. Among the current reviews, those arranged on the topical plan can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

2. The current review by the committee for the grand lodge of Vermont, appointed by the distinguished brother himself, contains three and one half times forty pages, is not arranged topically, gives a better account in epitome of the current doings of the masonic world than that of the review of the grand lodge of Washington, and its worst fault is that it is too short.

3. The current proceedings of Vermont contain a twenty page biography of this distinguished brother, from which it appears that he once received a personal letter from Col. Theodore Roosevelt. It is hoped no one will intimate that this biography might have been abridged.

The address closes with a beautiful mixture of wisdom and poetry, as follows—

And so my brethren officers, men and leaders change, masonry goes on. *Hold fast your best traditions. Maintain your standards. Preserve the ancient landmarks.* My mind shall wander back meanwhile to the journey up the line,—days of comradeship and love, now a treasured memory, soon but a name, then the asterisk, and the end.

> Blind to the future, pensive with fears,
> Glad for the living, for the dead in tears.

The report of the grand secretary shows the collection during the year of $9,634.38 of which $1,692.00 was dues on initiates, and $7,120.50 per capital tax, and the balance from sales of supplies. The same report shows a net gain in membership during the year of 186.

Brother Henry H. Ross was elected grand master and brother Frank A. Ross grand secretary.

The report on foreign correspondence is by brother Kittredge Haskins, past grand master, and fills one hundred thirty-nine pages, and his notes

are prepared with discrimination and taste. Introductory to his report he most aptly gives expression to the method of contemporaneous reviewers, generally saying—

In writing this review I have endeavored to condense as much as possible, and at the same time give the readers of this report an insight into the doings *of* other grand jurisdictions in comparison with our own. I have striven not to adversely criticise the work of others, and have only occasionally ventured to inject into it personal opinions of my own. * * * *

His treatment of the proceedings of Illinois, for 1915, is considerate and fraternal, and in six pages of his report he gives a fair resumé of the transactions of our grand lodge. He quotes liberally from brother Burnap's annual report. He notes what is said concerning "Moon lodges," and the frivolous requests made of him as grand master.

Takes note of what is said under the head of "Bequests," and the account of the dedication of the R. A. Memorial Hospital at Sullivan.

Notices the report of the committee on music, and the committee on finance recommending that the grand secretary be authorized to sell the selection as compiled for use in our lodges, and to brethren of other jurisdictions when desired.

Of the review, he says—

The report of the committee on correspondence a two hundred page review of the work of some sixty-four sister grand jurisdictions, is from the ready and discriminating pen of our learned brother past grand master Owen Scott.

Whereupon he proceeds to quote from the introduction what is therein said concerning "Landmarks," and concerning the late brother Robert Freke Gould, of England.

The next annual will be held at Burlington, June 13, 1917.

Brother Henry H. Ross, Grand Master, Burlington; Brother Frank A. Ross, Grand Secretary, Burlington.

VICTORIA—1915

216 Lodges 27th Annual 15,220 Members

The united grand lodge of ancient free and accepted masons of Victoria held four quarterly communications, to-wit: On March 17, June 16, September 15 and December 15, 1915, all of them at Melbourne.

The record in the printed proceedings announces that at each of these meetings the grand lodge was opened in ample form and with solemn

prayer, the most worshipful grand master, the Honorable Charles Carty-Salmon, being *on the Throne.* At each of these meetings the grand master was assisted by the other grand lodge officers, and had the benefit of the counsel of an imposing list of past grand lodge officers. At every one of these quarterly meetings the diplomatic circle appears to have been in evidence, and from twenty-five to forty-two foreign grand lodges were represented by their envoys, respectively, Illinois not of the number, at any time.

Following the opening ceremonies at each of these meetings the report of the board of general purposes was heard, and action thereon taken. The principal part of the business is done through this tribunal, and when its action has been approved the work of the grand lodge is practically concluded. At the meeting first above mentioned the grand master delivered an address, in which, in the opening he said—

Masonically speaking the year has been one of progress and advancement. The high level of masonic endeavor and fraternal achievement has been maintained. The lessons contained in masonic rule and precept have been learned, and studiously practised, and the spirit of our institution, symbolized in peace, love and harmony, has permeated our ranks completely. * * * *

Further along he says—

I have been furnished with certain figures, which will be found in the grand secretary's report, and to one or two of these I would direct your attention. The additions total 2,157,—initiations 1,523 and affiliations 634, making a total membership of 16,350. Unfortunately, however, we have lost by death 134, 854 *resigned,* and 132 have been *excluded;* total 1,130—thus reducing it to 1,522. The net increase for the year is 1,027—within less than 50 per cent of the actual accessions to our ranks. The financial position of the lodges is regarded as most satisfactory. We have opened five new lodges. * * * *

In the way of masonic legislation the following strikes one as novel. It is an item in the report of the board of general purposes, submitted and confirmed at the first quarterly meeting above mentioned. The board adopted a recommendation of the hall committee, approved by the finance committee, that the grand lodge insure the grand tylers and all lodge tylers under the Workers' Compensation Act, in the state insurance office, at a premium of three shillings per cent on the total amount of the remuneration paid to the tylers.

At the second meeting above mentioned the board of general purposes as one item, reported as follows—

The board was asked for a ruling as to what should be done when it is discovered during the ceremony that a candidate had not been divested. The board replied that the ceremony must be repeated, *ab initio.*

On report, and recommendation of the board of general purposes the grand lodge adopted a resolution, at the September quarterly to the purport that this united grand lodge of Victoria recognize the grand lodge of free

and accepted masons of the Philippine Islands as an independent sovereign authority for craft freemasonry in the Philippine Islands. The annual election was held at the fourth quarterly, and resulted in the re-election of Bro. Charles Carty-Salmon as grand master and of Bro. C. J. Barrow as grand secretary.

Like several other grand lodges of English proclivities this one has adopted the plan of publishing lists of the members of lodges of its obedience who have enlisted for military duty in the English army, and styles this list "The Roll of Honour." It publishes, also a still more extensive list, containing names of contributors to the various war funds. The proceedings also show extensive contributions from the grand lodge funds, and from the funds of many of the lodges, for the same purposes.

There is no report on foreign correspondence.

Bro. CHARLES CARTY-SALMON, Grand Master; Bro. CHARLES JAMES BARROW, Grand Secretary, Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne.

VIRGINIA—1916

226 LODGES 138TH ANNUAL 25,531 MEMBERS

The volume containing the printed proceedings of this grand lodge is adorned by the full page portrait of the grand master, Bro. James Alston Cabell. It contains 583 pages, in which is printed, among other matters, a full roster of the members of lodges, thus requiring 231 pages for names only.

The grand annual communication was held in Richmond, commencing February 8, 1916, and was opened in ample form by the deputy grand master, assisted by the other grand lodge officers, below him in rank, it appearing that the grand master, Bro. Robert H. Wood, was at the time seriously indisposed. A resolution was adopted, ordering the grand secretary to send a telegram to most worshipful James B. Wood, expressing the regrets of the grand lodge at his enforced absence, and conveying to him the love and sympathy of the entire craft, and the wish for his speedy and complete recovery to his usual health and strength.

Seven past grand masters were in attendance, also, the representatives of thirty-two foreign grand lodges, Bro. William L. Andrews, the representative from Illinois, being of this number. Brethren John H. Cowles, grand master of Kentucky and J. Claude Keiper, grand master of

the District of Columbia, being present were separately introduced, escorted to the Grand East, and saluted after the ancient custom of masons.

An address subscribed by the grand master, James B. Wood, was read by brother Robert H. Wood, in which the activities of the year are summarized. In the opening part of this address it is said—

Peace and harmony prevail, and the outlook is very bright. There is one thing that impressed me with the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, and it was as I received the announcements of how fast our sister grand jurisdictions were losing their past grand officers and I herewith give you a list as made by me from time to time as I received notices. * * *

Whereupon the list of illustrious dead follows, in which is found the following—

June 7, 1915—John R. Wilkerson, grand master, Illinois.

There must be a mistake about this, as we never had a grand master by that name.

Twenty-three decisions are reported, and most of them approved by the committee and the grand lodge. Many of them are upon matters so trivial as to excite surprise that occasion should arise rendering them necessary.

In number 1, an appeal was made to the grand master from the action of the master of a lodge refusing to put a motion made in lodge. The grand master decided that the master should put the motion, even though he deemed the action proposed unwise. The committee disagreed with this opinion, and cited a former ruling of the grand lodge to the effect that the worshipful master rules and governs his lodge, and he can properly refuse to entertain any motion he deems obscure or not conducive to the interests of the lodge. This is one of the things he is there to do.

In number 4, the question was asked—

Whether a master mason could visit a Virginia lodge who was from a grand lodge not recognized by the grand lodge of Virginia?

The grand master answered—

Any mason can visit a Virginia lodge that comes from any grand lodge that Virginia has not severed communication with.

In dissenting, it is properly said by the committee that the question should have been answered by the simple word, no.

In number 7, the question was asked—

Whether German masons had a right to visit their lodge, and I (the grand master) decided they had.

On this, the report of the committee states:

We cannot approve decision number 7, for the reason that Virginia does not recognize grand lodges on the continent of Europe except the York grand lodge of France.

Another of the decisions reported is as follows:

16. Question—Please give information about the Eastern Star organization.

Answer—As to the Eastern Star, I know nothing whatever about it. It is not a masonic organization, and we as masons have nothing in the world to do with it, except of course, that we are glad to have the ladies have an organization of this kind, which interests them in freemasonry.

This one passed muster with the committee.

The following is interesting, if not novel—

19. Is it the privilege of the worshipful master to preside and conduct the ceremonies of laying a corner stone by a subordinate lodge? Answer—

It is, if the grand master, or some one designated by the grand master and the district deputy grand master, are absent, or, if present do not care to preside.

In Illinois, any brother, having the special proxy of the grand master might convene an occasional grand lodge, and lay a corner stone, but not otherwise. This is presumed to be the rule generally.

Number 8 presents an unusual case—

Bro. ————, a member of lodge No. ——, claimed that he was not dimitted, although the records show that he was dimitted January 11 1913. Bro. ———— declares he never wished and never asked for a dimit. The lodge continued to receive his dues for two years after the time the lodge claimed he was dimitted.

The grand master held that he was not a dimitted mason, and that his name should be put on the list of members. This decision was approved. This case gave the grand master the cue for a recommendation that the code providing for dimits be amended so as to read as follows—

A dimit should not be granted to a member of a lodge unless it is so ordered to be issued in open lodge at a stated communication, and at the request, either personally or in writing, by the brother wishing the dimit and record is to be made on the minutes of the meeting, stating how the request was made.

For some reason this recommendation was disapproved by the jurisprudence committee, and the grand lodge.

The granting of five special dispensations, all for what strikes one as trivial purposes, is reported, and the denial of special dispensations in nineteen cases, (for what the grand master regarded as still more trivial purposes) is also reported.

As tending to show that the circumlocution office, with the red tape incident thereto is in action, the following is noted under the head of requests—

Was requested by the grand lodge of the District of Columbia, through right worshipful A. W. Johnson, their grand secretary, to grant permission

to Benjamin B. French lodge No. 15, District of Columbia, to perform the masonic burial service in Virginia, and I answered—

Your request is granted.

The National cemetery at Arlington is separated from the District of Columbia by the Potomac, and according to the usage now quite fashionable the Washington City lodges cannot bury a deceased member in this, or any cemetery south of the Potomac without this red tape.

Under the head of appeals for assistance the grand master reported the approval of an appeal for a contribution to the national McKinley birthplace memorial association, and ordered the grand treasurer to remit $500.00 to the masonic war relief association.

He reported the laying of one corner stone, to-wit: That of the Stonewall Jackson monument at Richmond, and of this says—

It was an occasion long to be remembered by all who took part.

He further says—

I think the record is beaten this year.

What he meant by the remark last quoted is not apparent. He reported the issuing of three dispensations to form new lodges.

Concerning special dispensations he says:

It has been my duty to refuse to issue some dispensations, for it was always my wish to grant what the brethren wished, but no refusals have given me so much concern and regret as being forced to refuse so many lodges to have public installation of officers. My own feeling has always been that as little as was done by any lodge out of the tiled recesses of the lodge was the better for masonry. Of course I do not wish to be understood as including funerals or laying corner stones.

He apparently takes the English view as to public installations.

The report of the grand treasurer shows the collection during the year of $37,194.50 as dues, and of $53,765.11 from all sources. From the table of lodges making returns it appears that there was a net gain in membership during the year of 771.

From the report of the board of governors of the masonic home it appears that there were at the home at date of report 39 girls and 35 boys. There appears to have been expended for maintenance during the year the aggregate of $21,146.33, of which the sum of $18,597.25 was contributed by the grand lodge, and the balance by lodges, and other masonic bodies, and individuals.

The digest was amended, in relation to dues, so as to read as follows—

Every chartered lodge shall with its annual returns, make payment to the grand lodge of the sum of $1.25 for each member of such lodge, of which seventy-five cents per capita shall be appropriated to the masonic

home of Virginia, and ten cents per capita to the grand charity fund, the said appropriations to be paid on the first days of April, July, October and January of each year.

On report and recommendation of the committee on charters three new lodges were granted charters, one was continued under dispensation and for a failure to make returns one dispensation was discontinued.

The committee on appeals reported as follows—

Your committee on appeals respectfully reports that it had nothing to do, and did it.

This report speaks well for the state of masonry in Virginia, but whether it is best for the committee, is a different proposition.

There is a report on foreign correspondence from the practiced pen of Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston, consisting of 214 pages of excellently prepared notes.

Using five pages to the treatment of the proceedings of Illinois, (1915) he pays his respects to us in a handsome manner. Of the grand master's report, he says—

We happen to know that Burnap is an orator and a quaint humorist, who never seems to smile, but official business left him little room to spread himself in his address. * * * *

He reproduces in part what Bro. Burnap said concerning efforts toward universal peace, in the opening part of his report, and quotes what is in the report said concerning the man who wished to be relieved of the undesirable attentions of a lady member of the O.E.S.; the man who invoked his aid in the collection of a debt, alleged to be due from a member of the fraternity; the wife who demanded the expulsion of her husband; and the twice rejected man who desired to be made a mason at sight, offering to pay the usual fee.

He quotes in full Bro. Owen Scott's response, on the occasion of the reception in grand lodge of the representatives of foreign grand lodges, and what grand master Wheeler says concerning the designation of his advisory board as well as the report of the finance committee thereon. He quotes in full what Bro. Owen Scott said in his review of Virginia, under the head, "not a question of cost," and says—

Strange to say Bro. Scott, our special committee on plan for this old masonic home, combed the state, through our fifty-three district deputy grand masters, to find how many probable applicants there would be for admission, and found only *one*.

He quotes with approval Bro. Scott's criticism of the action of the grand lodge of England in excluding from all masonic meetings brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian and Turkish birth, and in his review of England goes a great deal farther than Bro. Scott. He says—

Masonry that will not hold brethren together, in spite of the hate of

war is not masonry at all. Look at the contrast. In the great war of the 60's, when hate raged supreme in North and South alike, masons seem never to have lost an opportunity to help and befriend each other, and to have extended all possible brotherly kindness, especially to those in arms against them. Not to mention the many instances familiar to our readers, of aid to enemy masons on battlefields and in prison, the conditions here in Richmond in April, 1865, are an apt contrast. A federal officer saved our old masonic hall, the oldest on the continent, and a federal mason and general had a meeting called in that hall, at which foes united, and it was attended by a large number of soldiers in blue, gathered there to devise measures of relief for the families of their enemies in gray, still fighting against them. One of them left his sabre in the ante-room, and it is there yet, a precious relic and souvenir. When our lodges were in the enemy's hands, they attended in perfect amity. William McKinley, afterwards president of the United States, was made a mason in a Virginia lodge, while a major in the Union army. * * * *

Concerning the ritual, in his foreword Bro. Eggleston says—

The bearing of the ritual on masonry is an important matter, seldom alluded to, and one that has not received proper attention. The ritual is the lifeblood of masonry, its symbolism is an universal language. It has come down the ages, tampered with many times, but still transmitting the essentials by characteristic phrases, recognized wherever heard. * * * *

Up to perhaps the last forty years, Masonry everywhere held the honored position of being the last mouth to ear system of instruction in the world, and had not other societies, imitations of ancient masonry, made the foolish mistake of printing their rituals, and thus destroying their value, none of the craft would ever have thought of comforting their consciences by sophistry, and violating their solemn vows by descending to printed rituals and ciphers. None who are unwilling to give the time and labor necessary to memorizing from oral instruction alone are worthy to be entrusted with our ritual. * * * *

From the last paragraph in the conclusion to his report the following is extracted—

We have just learned from our *grand* grand lecturer, most worshipful George W. Wright, that there are now more than one thousand masons in Virginia letter perfect in our whole ritual, and not a cipher in existence. Kansas, Michigan, *et al.* take notice.

The interest aroused by the report of this distinguished and learned craftsman has been the moving cause of making this review much too long, but if only space permitted, many other things he says would be reproduced.

Before taking leave, another extract from his conclusion must suffice—

Last year many of the brethren took the trouble to write and speak to the writer as to the contents of the review, and their comments were valuable and their commendation a joy. Their criticism would have been better than silence. So speak out, brethren, knowing what pleases and what displeases, we could write better for you.

If the brethren of Illinois are not afraid of making the pathway of their reviewer too roseate, their attention is challenged to this last quota-

tion, and if they appreciate the drift of Bro. Eggleston, the hope is expressed that they "Go and do likewise."

Grand Master, Bro. James Alston Cabell, Columbus; Grand Secretary, Bro. Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond.

WASHINGTON—1915.

197 Lodges 58th Annual 20,724 Members

The fifty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington was held in North Yakima, June 8, 9 and 10, 1915, with the grand master, William J. Sutton, and other officers of the grand lodge all present except Bro. George B. Malcolm, deputy grand master, who was absent on account of illness. On call of the roll of permanent members fifteen past grand masters responded to their names, and the representatives of thirty-four foreign grand lodges were present, Bro. John H. Shaw, the representative of Illinois, not being of this number.

Bro. Joseph F. Barton, mayor of the city, welcomed the grand lodge to North Yakima in fitting language, and the response to this welcome was made in like strain by Bro. George Lawler, Warden.

The grand master's address is a most admirable paper, giving a detailed account of his official acts during the year, but so concisely as to evince the grand master's unusual ability to condense. He reports the constitution of four lodges, the dedication of two temples, the laying of six cornerstones, and the issuance of three dispensations for new lodges. He notes the issuance of one dispensation "to confer degrees out of time," on account of the candidate being "a seafaring man," and that he refused to grant dispensations "to confer degrees out of time" in three cases because, in each case the applicant was not "a seafaring man, nor engaged in the U. S. naval or military service." He also declined to issue a dispensation to receive a petition from a person under age. He reports the approval of the by-laws, or amendments to the by-laws of twenty-seven lodges, and the arrest of one charter. He reports four decisions, two of which are, (1) Held that a lodge U. D. may grant a dimit, no seal being required; and (4) The petition for the degrees of masonry was rejected by a lodge in another state, this lodge claiming jurisdiction over petitioner for a period of five years. Held that a person who has resided one year within this jurisdiction is eligible to petition for the degrees.

The grand master takes occasion to commend the members of the "Masonic Home Board" for generously giving their time to the affairs of

the Home. From his concluding remarks, I quote—

Of my time I have given as liberally as my duties as an active worker in the world's workshop would permit. I am deeply conscious that the chapter is closed,—that whate'er has been written shall remain, nor be erased, nor written o'er again; but I trust that when the year shall be viewed in the retrospect we shall find that we have made some footsteps forward.

The report of the trustees of the Home shows this institution to be in good shape, it appearing that there are at present thirty-seven members residing in the Home; that there was collected for the support of the Home during the year above $20,000; that there was expended for maintenance above $8000, and that there was expended for improvements, furniture, and assistance outside of the Home, a little above $6,000.00.

The grand lodge ordered that six new lodges be chartered, and that one dispensation be continued for another year.

The report of the committee on returns and work shows a net gain in membership during the year of 1182.

The committee on grievances and appeals appears to have had a light job, two cases only coming before it, and in both cases the recommendation of the committee that the action of the lodges, respectively, from which appeal had been taken be sustained, was concurred in. In one case it is stated in the report of the committee that—

The nature of this case is such that your committee on grievance and appeals prefers to make no statement of the facts for publication in our proceedings.

The taste of the committee is to be commended, and if they had gone further and suppressed the name of the brother expelled in the published report, as is done in Illinois, it would have been still better.

It appears that the only report which encountered any opposition to speak of, was that the committee to revise the monitor. This committee reported, making certain changes in the phraseology in some places, and making additions to the text in other places,—in part by adding some portions of the hitherto unwritten work. An evening session was held at which this report was considered, which lasted till 10:35, with the result that every motion made was either withdrawn or defeated and the further discussion of the report was made the special order of business for 10 o'clock A. M. the day following; at which time it was ordered that the report be referred back to the same committee, with instructions to report the changes suggested, at the next meeting of the grand lodge, but to make no additions. It does appear that the way of the "ritual thinker" is hard, except in * * * * * *

The grand lodge was favored with a carefully prepared oration by Bro. Michael W. Anthony, grand orator. He selected an appropriate theme

at this time, his discourse having relation to the great struggle at arms in progress in Europe; the part that America should take in re-creating the world when the war is over, and the obligations resting upon the craft to contribute to the formation and adjustment of the public conscience. He says—

America and American freemasonry is given a great privilege, as well as a great duty; and in a country such as ours, where government is so responsive to the general will of the masses, masonry is especially favored in her work and fortunate in her ability to realize her ideals; and let me emphasize this, that it devolves upon each individual mason to ask himself, ''From whence he came and what he came to do.'' And when he has found the answer, as it is concealed and revealed in our beautiful and impressive ceremonies, let him incorporate that answer into his very life, that it may be the inspiration, not only of his fraternal associations, but more especially that it may be the guiding influence of his social and civic activities; that whatever his occupation or profession, his religious or political faith,—before all these things, that he must be, in deed and in truth, a man, and a mason.

The report of the committee on correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Ralph C. McAllister, P. G. M., and is presented on the ''topical plan.'' Under the head of ''special dispensations'' he quotes liberally from Bro. Burnap (1914); and shows that grand masters, generally, are in accord with Bro. Burnap. Under the head of ''organizations within lodges'' he quotes from what Bro. Burnap says (1914) concerning Sabbath desecration and opines that his (Bro. Burnap's) ''yardstick is the proper measure.'' Under the head of ''non-affiliation'' he shows what justifies the opinion that the trend of grand lodge legislation, generally, is in the direction of the curtailment of the privileges of voluntary non-affiliates. Under the head of ''masonic research'' he notes the steps taken in several grand lodges in promoting and supplementing the activities of ''Research clubs'' and takes occasion to commend the ''Iowa plan.''

A symposium of five pages is given under the head of ''General Grand Lodge—Grand Masters' Conferences,'' in which he takes occasion to quote from the grand master of Illinois. From the views grouped under this head it would appear that everybody except M. W. Bro. Mikels of Indiana is shy of any proposition squinting in the direction of a general grand lodge, and that a majority are of the opinion that ''Grand Masters' conferences'' accomplish nothing worth while, which is no doubt near the truth.

Under the head of ''District deputy grand masters'' he lays stress upon the value of the service to the craft rendered by these officers, and expresses his regret that the system was abolished in his own grand jurisdiction, saying—

We were satisfied then, and are more satisfied now, that it was a mistake to abandon it.

The next annual meeting will be held in Tacoma, June 13, 1916.

Grand Master, ROBERT L. SEBASTIAN, Aberdeen; Grand Secretary, HORACE W. TYLER, Tacoma.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

91 LODGES 16TH ANNUAL 4,119 MEMBERS

A rather attractive volume, in clear type, and odorned by a fine picture of Bro. McCallum, deputy grand master, in ornate regalia, contains the printed proceedings of three quarterly communications, and one annual communication of this grand lodge.

It appears that the first quarterly was held at Kalgoorlie, July 23, 1914, the second at Perth, October 22, 1914, the third at Perth, January 28, 1915, and the annual was held at Perth, April 22, 1915.

At each of these four meetings, the grand lodge was opened in ample form by the most worshipful grand master, Bro. the Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D.V.D. Archbishop of Perth. (It is to be presumed that whenever this brother becomes entitled to other titulary distinction the proper initials will be added.) The other grand lodge officers were all in their stations, reinforced by a large number of past grand lodge officers. In the diplomatic circle, at the annual meeting were the representatives of forty-one foreign grand lodges ,the envoy from Illinois, not of this number.

In the exordium of the grand master's address he says—

I believe the King's motto for the Empire at the present time is *"Business as usual"*, and although we are at war, and our hearts are full of anxiety we shall try to carry on our business as before, in the hope that after the conflict is over, our fraternity may at least have something to do with the healing of the breach between the nations.

He reports the "Consecrating" of one new lodge, and the issuance during the year of fifty-three dispensations, twenty-nine to change time of lodge meetings, ten "to wear regalia at funerals," two to enable lodges "to initiate minor" and twelve for other purposes, pursuant to their code.

In a sorrowful vein he notes the passing of Bro. (Major) T. Sherwood, right worshipful past deputy grand master, who died July 30, 1914.

With great, (apparent) complacency the Grand Master says—

When our grand lodge was formed in 1900 there were 33 lodges on the roll, with a total membership of 2,000. Today there are 96 lodges on the register, four of which have amalgamated with other lodges and two are dormant, with a total membership of 4,119, being a gain of 77 for the year.

Under the head of "Finance" the grand master says—

The balance at present standing to the credit of the general fund is £5,801; to the credit of the fund of benevolence £5,463; and to the credit of the widows' and orphans' and aged freemasons' fund £8,629, while the surplus of assets in excess of liabilities of the freemasons' hall account is £13,167. * * * * Once again it gives me great pleasure to announce that for the *thirteenth* year in succession there is not a single lodge in arrears.

A financial showing most satisfactory.

Speaking of the conditions incident to the war, the grand master says—

Can we do anything as a grand lodge to help weaker brethren, or to show our sympathy for those in anxiety, or our appreciation of the terrible crisis through which the empire is passing. I think we can—if we will. We do not wish to restrict the liberty of any brother; I am against restrictive legislation unless absolutely necessary. What can we do then? I think we should do something. We can do away with drink after lodge meetings until the war is over; that could be an official act on the part of the craft in general; but it would not otherwise restrict individual liberty. What do you think? *Of course we cannot begin until tonight, as all arrangements have been made.*

It appears from the record that "At the conclusion of the proceedings the grand anniversary festival was held in the banqueting hall. A large and enthusiastic gathering was presided over by the most worshipful grand master, and the usual toasts were honored."

From all the foregoing it is presumed that the element employed in honoring these toasts was more palatable to "his grace", than water, and somewhat stronger, or even the favorite beverage of the Hon. William Jennings Bryan.

The report on foreign correspondence is subscribed by eight members, of which Bro. J. D. Stevenson, grand secretary appears to be chairman (and presumably the writer,) and covers one hundred thirty well written pages.

He devotes about two pages to Illinois, (1914) quoting from Bro. Burnap's report, what is said in regard to the *European war,* from what is said concerning "*special dispensations*" and concerning "*masonic homes.*"

He throws a merited bouquet at Bro. Scott, and makes use of his table of masonic statistics.

Grand Master, C. O. L. Riley, Perth; Grand Secretary, J. D. Stevenson, Freemasons' Hall, Perth.

WEST VIRGINIA

150 Lodges 51st Annual 18,827 Members

On the fly leaf of the printed proceedings of this grand lodge is a fine portrait of Bro. T. Wilbur Hennen, grand master, and elsewhere in the volume are full page cuts of three masonic temples, located respectively at Clendenin, Parkersburg and Wheeling, all apparently well constructed buildings. The annual communication of the grand lodge was held at Fairmount, commencing on November 10, 1915, and was opened in ample form by the grand master, William T. Ice, the other grand lodge officers being in their respective stations. To lend dignity to the assembly, as well as to compliment themselves, there were present nineteen past grand masters, and the representatives of forty-four foreign grand lodges, Bro. Thomas P. Jacobs, the representative of Illinois, being of this number. When the grand lodge of West Virginia dedicates a hall, lays a corner stone, or performs any similar function, they term it a special communication, and no fewer than fifteen of these specials are shown in the printed proceedings. The grand master's address at the annual, covers twenty-four pages and treats of a variety of subjects. He notes the laying of seventeen corner stones, six in person and eleven by proxy; and the refusal to lay corner stones in three instances because desired to lay the same on Sunday. He granted ten, and refused five special dispensations, and dedicated one hall, by proxy.

In noting the decease of distinguished brethren of other grand jurisdictions, suitable mention is made of the passing of Bro. Edward Cook, past grand master of Illinois. The grand master mentions the receipt of a communication from the masonic relief association of the U. S. but for reasons of his own decided not to place the matter before the constituent lodges until approved by the grand lodge. The grand master reports eighteen decisions, all of them construing local laws, all of which were approved by the committee on jurisprudence, and the grand lodge, and none of them of any great consequence, except to those concerned. Three of his decisions were to the following purport, viz—

On information that a brother had been elected master of lodge No. and that he was not able to meet the requirements of the resolution of the grand lodge in respect to proficiency in the work pertaining to his office, I held the resolution of the grand lodge to be mandatory, and refused to permit the installation of the master elect until he had become sufficiently proficient in the work to meet the requirements of the grand lodge. I directed the lodge to procure the services of a deputy lecturer in order that the master might obtain the work. This was done, the master-elect became proficient in the work, and I then authorized his installation. * * * *

Two other similar cases are reported. The fact that a grand master should be called upon to decide a matter like one of the decisions reported serves to indicate that the fool-killer might have something more to do in West Virginia. It is as follows—

No. 6. * * * * Can a member insist that a brother must cast a black ball or cube for him, if the member asks the brother so to do, where the member asking cannot, or says he cannot be present at the meeting when the ballot is taken on a profane?

I decided that it was a matter of election with the brother who has been requested to cast a black ball, or cube, as to whether he will do so or not. * * * *

A certain sort of interest attaches to the following—

No. 8—In reply to an inquiry as to whether or not a lodge in this jurisdiction could accompany the remains of a deceased brother of the lodge into another grand jurisdiction, and there perform the burial ceremony, I decided that a lodge in this jurisdiction should not perform such a ceremony in a foreign jurisdiction without permission of the grand master of that jursdiction.

Since the circumlocution office, and the red tape incident thereto has become so fashionable this decision is perhaps justified by the present masonic usage.

In concluding the grand master says—

From the increase in numbers, and other evidences of growth, and development of our institution, I am led to believe that masonry in this grand jurisdiction is in a healthy state. It is true that a great fraternity may increase numerically, and yet by reason of a lack of attention to vital principles, may show signs of decay. None of these, however, are noticeable in our order. * * * * An observation of world conditions today impresses one with the great changes taking place in governments and institutions. But let us remember that the basic structure of masonry still remains the same. Loyalty to government, due consideration for the rights of others, belief in Deity, and the practice of every commendable virtue, are still implanted in the minds of all who gain admittance. These principles cannot be changed. Their continued recognition and practice will perpetuate our fraternity.

From the financial report of the grand secretary it appears that he collected and paid over to the grand treasurer during the year the total sum of $14,260.40 of which the sum of $13,311.00 was for grand lodge dues. From his statistical report it appears that the net gain in membership during the year is 1,073. During the session the following resolution was adopted, at the instance of the grand secretary, to-wit—

Whereas, our annual volume of published proceedings has become so large, unwieldy and expensive, it has become necessary to reduce the size of the same. Therefore, be it resolved, that hereafter the custom of printing the proceedings of special communications be abolished, and in lieu thereof there shall be published only minor mention of holding said communications, giving the names of the officers, the places where held, and the purposes for such extra communications.

By actual count there could have been saved this year by the means suggested by this resolution not to exceed eighteen pages, for that is all the space required in the account given of the fifteen special communications held, whereas if the useless practice of publishing in the proceedings a roster of all the members of lodges were abolished, it would enable them to reduce the size of the publication to the extent of two hundred and twelve pages. However, the matter of reducing the size of the volume of their proceedings is their own concern, and if their purpose is to "strain out" all possible parabolic "gnats" so as to have plenty of room for the "camel," no one can object.

April 21, 1915, was the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the grand lodge, and elaborate preparation was made to observe the day in fitting style at Wheeling, and anent the same, the committee reports—

That the temple in Wheeling at which it was proposed to hold the fiftieth anniversary meeting was destroyed by fire, thereby necessitating the change from Wheeling to Fairmount, W. Va.; the celebration was abandoned, but before the fire occurred the committee had requested past grand master George Wesley Atkinson to prepare a paper on the history of the grand lodge. This he did.

Following this report Bro. Atkinson was urgently invited to deliver his address to the grand lodge, and as he kindly consented to do so, the same is printed in full in the proceedings, and is quite interesting to masons generally, but to West Virginia masons in particular.

Under the head of "grand lecturers," he says—

Our grand lodge has been most fortunate in having in charge of the standard, or esoteric work a high grade class of men, who were mentally equipped for orally receiving and imparting the unwritten ritual. We have never tolerated the use of keys, ciphers, mnemonics of any character whatever. We adopted the Virginia work, and receive and impart it from mouth to ear, and in no other way. We are still strictly adhering to that plan. * * * * I remember on one occasion a challenge was openly made by one of our most distinguished brothers on the floor of the grand lodge, that he did not believe there was a mason in the jurisdiction who could become so proficient in the secret work that he could retain and impart it literally year in and year out, without the aid of a cipher or key. Whereupon several of the brethren arose, accepted the challenge and proffered to undergo any sort of test that might be presented. * * * * It is proper for me to add that through our fifty years of history, I could from my own personal knowledge mention quite a long list of names who have acted, and some of them are still acting as deputy lecturers who were and are as proficient in the work as the grand lecturers themselves.

This being true, * * * * I regard it as a complete answer to the claims set up by the few grand lodges that permit the use of ciphers, * * * * Under the head of "*How we have grown,*" he says—

This most worshipful grand lodge started upon its mission of worthy undertakings fifty years ago with but nine constituent lodges, and only a few

hundred faithful, loyal members; and while its growth has been steady it has not been phenominal. It has never side-stepped, but has kept its eyes, so to speak, always to the front, and has consistently kept in the open in the procession of progress, and has never been confused because it could not at all times see far enough ahead. In all institutions founded upon Truth, life has a way of thrusting things upon those that reason and think. * * * * In 1865 West Virginia was sparsely settled, while today it boasts more than a million and a quarter inhabitants. While its growth has been satisfactory in the past, because of its vast natural resources, it is now only in the dawn of what it is yet to be; and as it continues to increase in population and wealth, this grand lodge will develop in like proportions. In 1914 it had 150 subordinate lodges with a total membership of 17,740 master masons in good standing. * * * *

Under the head of "masonic home" he says—

This grand lodge has never thus far seriously considered the establishing of a masonic home for its aged and needy members, their widows and orphans, not because of parsimony but because, (1) it is not financially able, as a grand lodge, to support such an institution, and also, (2) because, with but a few exceptions it has through its subordinate lodges been able to render the necessary aid to any and all of its members actually in need of assistance. Since my first entrance into the grand lodge in 1873 as the representative of Kanawha lodge No. 20, of which I was at that time worshipful master, down to the present time, I have never heard a member of the grand lodge raise his voice against launching a masonic home in this jurisdiction, except for the two reasons I have above stated.

The address concludes with a splendid peroration which might if space permitted be reproduced in full, but the following must suffice—

One of the primary objects of freemasonry is to increase the degree of human happiness, and it was for this purpose that the charitable leaders of the past realizing that the weal was capable of enhancement, hence the necessity of the establishment of an institution for the purpose of bringing mankind into closer fellowship. Our institution as a platform is broad enough to embrace all mankind. Let us therefore give our best endeavors for the accomplishment of this universal aim. Let us remember we are hostages for one another. The good name of freemasonry is in the keeping of the humblest among us, quite as much as of the most exalted. As we appear to our fellows, so the craft of which we are members, will be judged.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. George W. Atkinson, past grand master, and consists of one hundred fifty-six well written pages; three of which are devoted to a review of the proceedings of Illinois for 1914. He notes the celebration of our seventy-fifth anniversary and says, "the celebration was truly a great occasion," and quotes from the addresses of Brethren Goddard, Scott and Bell. He quotes a page from the opening part of the annual report of Bro. Burnap, grand master; makes reference to what he says concerning schools.

He makes reference to the reports concerning our homes, and the report of the masonic employment bureau of Chicago. He pays Bro.

Owen Scott a merited compliment in saying, "another of most worshipful grand master Brother Owen Scott's illuminating reports on foreign correspondence appears in the grand lodge minutes," and then proceeds to quote from what Bro. Scott says concerning the prerogative of the grand master to make masons at sight. He says further of Bro. Scott—

He courteously hauls me over the coals for defending most worshipful Bro. Stokes of our West Virginia grand lodge for making an illustrious citizen of the state a mason at sight. He then goes on with further explanation and argument for the purpose of supporting this prerogative generally, and its exercise in the case cited in particular. After following carefully what he, and Bro. Scott say, pro and con, anent this prerogative, one is reminded of what Hamlet is made to say regarding a certain custom, i. e.: It is more honored in the breach than in the observance.

Whether grounded on the traditional, inherent right, attaching to the office of grand master, or on constitutional enactment, let us all hope and pray that fourth rate grand masters may hereafter find other ways of attracting notice, besides the exercise of this prerogative.

Why not endeavor to induce this class of grand masters to confine themselves to writing edicts against smoking, or some such innocent "bunk" that would do but little harm?

T. Wilbur Hennen, Grand Master, Fairmount; John M. Collins, Grand Secretary, Charleston.

WISCONSIN—1916.

274 Lodges 72nd Annual 31,866 Members

Full page portraits of brethren James E. Durgin, Newton Moore Littlejohn, and David Husted Wright, past grand masters, and Jacob Dreher, past grand lecturer, (all deceased,) add to the beauty of the otherwise attractive volume containing the printed proceedings of this grand lodge. The annual meeting was held in Milwaukee June 13, 1916, and the grand lodge was opened in ample form, and presided over by the grand master, brother George O. Kellogg, the other grand lodge officers being in their respective places. There were present, also, fourteen past grand masters, and the representatives of forty-seven other grand jurisdictions, brother Charles C. Rogers, the envoy of Illinois being of this number. The grand master's address fills twelve pages only, and contains a brief report of his official acts and doings. In the exordium he well says—

When we contemplate that only a few hundred miles to the north of us, our immediate neighbors, many of them of our own blood, have for the past two years been constantly mobilizing for the battle's front, that just south of us is a sister republic torn by revolution, its government tottering and chaotic, while its people are hungry and in rags, suffering for the

actual necessities of life, we are overwhelmed with pity and sorrow at the thought of what the finality will be.

As we contemplate these deplorable conditions, how much ought we to rejoice that we live at peace with the world, surrounded by blessings which afford prosperity, comfort and happiness.

Sorrowfully he announces the death during the year of past grand masters James E. Durgin, Newton M. Littlejohn and David Husted Wright, and past grand lecturer Jacob Dreher. Among the distinguished dead of other grand jurisdictions mention is made of the passing of brethren Edward Cook and William H. Scott, past grand masters of Illinois.

The grand master reports the granting of 73 special dispensations, 59 to permit lodges to waive the provisions of Article XX, (whatever that may be), 3 to permit the order of the Eastern Star to meet in lodge rooms, 6 to permit other societies to meet in lodge rooms, 1 to permit the installation of a brother as master, who had not previously served as warden, and 4 for other purposes.

Under the head of "Charity" he reports—

It has been one of the chief pleasures of your present grand master to have been enabled by the generosity of this grand lodge, who placed at his disposal a fund, on which he might draw as occasion arose, and so I report to you I have answered every call that appeared to me to be worthy and deserving.

He reports the granting of three dispensations to form new lodges.

Eleven "emergent" communications of the grand lodge were held during the year; three for the purpose of laying corner stones; three for the purpose of constituting new lodges; three for the purpose of dedicating temples or halls and two for the purpose of conducting funerals of past grand masters.

The grand master reported ten decisions, seven of which were approved by the committee on jurisprudence, and the grand lodge and three of which were modified. None of them are of very great consequence except to the parties concerned, and some of them excite surprise that a grand master should be required to pass upon such matters. For instance in No. 1 it was decided that—

The fact that a petitioner for the degrees is a Roman Catholic should not influence the investigating committee. * * * *

In No. 2 that—

A candidate for advancement shall pass an examination in open lodge as to his proficiency, the same to be satisfactory to the worshipful master.

The decision numbered 5 was by the grand master ordered kept out of the proceedings. In passing upon this the committee reported—

Decision No. 5 is more in the nature of advice than a decision. As

advice it is correct, but its subject matter is such that it ought not to be published with the proceedings, nor should it appear in the grand master's address. * * * *

No. 9 presents the following—

The masonic temple at Whitewater, a building used for masonic purposes exclusively, was placed on the assessment roll by the local assessor for the year 1915. The question was asked by one of the trustees of St. John's lodge No. 57, what can be done about it? In reply I advised them under no circumstances to pay the tax. Let it be returned to the county treasurer and it will have to be charged back to the city of Whitewater as illegal assessment under chapter 554 of the laws of 1915.

In dissenting from this ruling the committee properly held that—

It deals with a legal question under the laws and statutes of the State of Wisconsin and does not present a question of Masonic law.

From the report of the grand secretary it appears that he collected during the year on account of the general fund the sum of $16,713.20 and on account of the charity fund $3,186.60.

The same report shows a net increase in membership during the year of 1,315.

On motion it was resolved—

That a committee of three be appointed by the most worshipful grand master with the title of committee on masonic research, such committee to investigate and report at the next annual communication and recommend such measures as will best promote the study side of masonry in this jurisdiction.

On report and recommendation of the committee on dispensations three lodges were granted charters.

An amendment to the constitution was proposed by past grand master B. F. Keeler, which would if adopted have had the effect to substitute for the office of grand lecturer, a board of custodians of the work and lectures, consisting of five members to be appointed by the grand master, but the committee on jurisprudence reported, in effect putting the amendment to sleep, and the grand lodge approved the action of the committee.

Rev. brother William H. Decker of Sante Fe Lodge, Isle of Pines, attended the session as the special representative of the grand master of Cuba. He was received and introduced by the grand master, made a fine address, and concluding by presenting a gavel constructed from ten kinds of tropical timber to the grand lodge, and a cane to the grand secretary. In token of esteem and thankfulness, as the record shows, he was elected, by a unanimous vote an honorary member of the grand lodge.

Brother Cyrus S. Stockwell was elected grand master, and brother William W. Perry was re-elected grand secretary.

Following the installation ceremonies the retiring grand master was presented with a past grand master's jewel.

The report on foreign correspondence is by brother Aldro Jenks, being his nineteenth consecutive report, and is well arranged. He says some things in his introduction which we may all well ponder. Speaking of his review, he says—

It is prepared primarily for masons in Wisconsin and particularly for those who take an interest in things masonic; who are willing to read and think. Masonry in its teaching and aims is wonderfully practical. It gives to the true mason a higher conception of the Infinite One, and a more definite mission in life. While this is the spirit of masonry too few of us realize it. No man can understand and appreciate it until he has pondered long and faithfully upon its teachings. Many a man has taken the obligations from the entered apprentice degree to the thirty-second, and failed absolutely to understand or get that broader vision of masonry which they are intended to give. That man's masonry is a failure, notwithstanding he may wear a knight templar charm or a double-headed eagle; he is neither an active nor a practical mason, but merely a hanger-on to the institution. Such is not the fault of the masonic institution, but is due to the fact that such a one was seeking ornamental titles and display, rather than an opportunity of being serviceable to his fellow man and improving himself in masonry.

His treatment of the proceedings of Illinois, (1915) is fraternal and generous, his review filling seven pages of his report. He makes favorable mention of what is said in the grand master's report concerning a possible concerted effort at promoting universal peace, and what is said concerning "moon lodges," and says, jocularly—

Many of the lodges were afflicted with *lunacy* during the year. * * * *

He makes reference to the several cases of; the man who desired to be relieved of the undesirable attentions of a lady member of the O. E. S.; of the man desiring aid in collecting a debt; of the woman who desired the summary expulsion of her husband, and the twice rejected man who desired to be made a mason at sight, as reported by the grand master. He quotes brother Burnap as saying—

It has been satisfactorily demonstrated that the ritualistic work in Illinois is now the best in any jurisdiction.

To this brother Jenks makes reply—

We would be willing to grant this if our brother would except Wisconsin. It is an equally incontestable fact that the work of Wisconsin is superior to that in any other jurisdiction in the world, and we are just as willing to admit this as our distinguished brother is that his is the best.

He notices what is stated concerning the completion of the royal arch memorial hospital, and the report of the committee on music.

He notices the adoption of the report of the committee on appeals and grievances, suggesting forms and procedure for masonic trials, and says—

They seem to be quite full and suitable for the purpose intended. It may be doubtful whether or not the multiplication of forms may not in the end result in a greater number of reversals because they have not been followed in all respects.

Of the review, he says—

The most interesting thing to us in the volume before us is the report on foreign correspondence, which is again the work of Bro. Owen Scott, past grand master.

He then proceeds to quote what brother Scott says in the opening part of his report concerning "landmarks." He says—

The definition is well enough, the difficulty arises in applying it. The writer has no desire to attempt to solve the question.

Brother Jenks takes occasion to express his agreement with brother Scott in the matters of the George Washington memorial, "cipher rituals," and the substitution of the Koran for any other book for the Bible.

The next annual will be held at Milwaukee on June, 12, 1917.

Brother Cyrus S. Stockwell, Grand Master, Neillsville; Brother William W. Perry, Grand Secretary, Milwaukee.

WYOMING—1915

34 Lodges 41st Annual 3,316 Members

The well printed volume, containing the proceedings of this grand lodge for the year, is ornamented by the pictures of the grand master, Bro. William H. Dickinson, and Bro. William Littleberry Kuykendall, deceased, late grand secretary, and for many years committee on correspondence. The annual meeting was held at Casper September 8, and 9, 1915, and was presided over by Bro. J. J. Jewett, grand master who was assisted by the other grand lodge officers. And address of welcome was delivered by the mayor of Casper, E. P. Rohrbaugh, who is also a past grand master, of Wyoming, and was responded to by the junior grand warden, Bro. T. Blake Kennedy. In the grand master's address, he announced with much feeling the death, during the year of Bro. Foote, past grand master, and Bro. Kuykendall, their veteran grand secretary. He announces also the appointment of Bro. J. M. Lowndes, as grand secretary, following the death of Bro. Kuykendall. It appears that Bro. Lowndes had been assistant grand secretary for nine years. He notes the granting of seven special dispensations, mostly for trivial purposes. One of them was to enable a lodge to participate in memorial exercises at the cemetery on May 30th and others were for

the purposes of enabling lodges to install officers, and the like. He reports seven decisions, none of them of very great consequence, but two of them are quoted for the reasons that one is at variance with masonic law, generally, and the other is funny.

3. A former member of a lodge was granted a dimit on March 1st, 1910, expecting to affiliate with a lodge about to be organized at Calhan, Colo., but which was never organized. He now returns his dimit, and asks that he be reinstated in his old lodge.

Can the brother be reinstated, and what is the power of procedure?

A. From a further statement of facts it is learned that brother ——— is now a resident of Colorado. He is therefore subject to that jurisdiction and ———— lodge cannot receive his petition for affiliation.

The general rule is that a master mason, who has a valid dimit from a regular lodge, may become a member of any lodge on earth, irrespective of place of residence,—provided he so desires, and passes a clear ballot.

No. 7. Kindly advise to what extent, if any, the order of the Eastern Star is recognized by the grand lodge of Wyoming.

A. In reply I advised the worshipful master along lines which I trust he found to be of assistance.

The grand master recommends—

That legislation be enacted at the session which will provide that no subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction shall commence the erection of a masonic building until such action shall be approved by the grand lodge. We are responsible for the actions of our subordinate lodges, therefore we should be in a position to advise and assist before a lodge starts.

A fine exemplification of how not to do it,—and the members of the grand lodge apparently think the same, as no such legislation was proposed. He further recommends as follows—

It is the rule of this grand lodge that the annual proceedings must be read in every subordinate lodge.

We all know that this is altogether, if not entirely impossible, and I hardly think that it is observed to the letter in any lodge in the state. I would therefore recommend that the grand secretary compile a booklet which will give all the important facts and actions taken by the grand lodge. What do you think of that?

The committee on appeals and grievances reported that "We find nothing in our grand lodge proceedings demanding our attention, peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction." This shows a fine state of affairs.

The tedium and monotony of the business of the grand lodge was relieved by an oration by Bro. W. A. Riner, right worshipful grand orator, on the "Essentials of Masonry," which by order of the grand lodge is

printed in the proceedings. An address was delivered, also, by Bro. Charles E. Winter, entitled "Masonry."

On recommendation of the grand master, the committee on returns and work reported the following resolution which was adopted by the grand lodge—

Resolved, that in accordance with the recommendation of the grand master, that the grand secretary be empowered to purchase the necessary property to establish a card index covering the data contained in his office.

The returns from lodges show a net gain in membership during the year of one hundred and twenty-six. Wyoming is one of the few grand lodges which in its printed proceedings inserts the names of all the members lodges and so it has sixty-eight pages filled with names, only.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. J. M. Lowndes, right worshipful grand secretary, and consists of one hundred well written pages. Between two and three of his pages are devoted to the proceedings of Illinois for 1914. He quotes in full the opening prayer of Bro. Wright.

Also quotes liberally from the report of the grand master, making reference particularly to what is therein said concerning the Oregon proposition for a general grand lodge. He reproduces that part of the report of the committee on jurisprudence in relation to dimits issued to entered apprentices and fellow crafts. He pays Bro. Scott the merited compliment of saying—

The review is a fine one, and very interesting.

Grand Master, W. H. Dickinson, Lander; Grand Secretary, J. M. Lowndes, Casper.

(The following table of membership statistics is adapted from the report of brother Elmer F. Gay, committee on correspondence for the grand lodge of Indiana, to whom thanks are hereby tendered.)

UNITED STATES MEMBERSHIP TABLE.

Standing.	*Jurisdiction.*	*Year.*	*Lodges.*	*Members.*	*Gain.*
20	Alabama	1915	554	27,918	368
47	Arizona	1915	21	2,564	239
26	Arkansas	1915	558	20,766	1,846
10	California	1915	375	55,341	2,162
30	Colorado	1915	129	17,422	664
22	Connecticut	1915	110	25,378	598
45	Delaware	1915	22	3,541	118
39	District of Columbia	1915	30	10,171	247
36	Florida	1916	233	12,724	663
14	Georgia	1915	661	41,649	1,191
43	Idaho	1915	67	4,640	227
2	Illinois	1915	837	139,271	7,366
6	Indiana	1915	554	70,014	3,822
11	Iowa	1915	614	51,785	2,235
12	Kansas	1916	411	44,062	1,650
13	Kentucky	1915	594	43,387	967
32	Louisiana	1915	270	16,885	1,002
16	Maine	1915	205	30,884	590
31	Maryland	1915	116	17,135	648
7	Massachusetts	1914	257	67,901	2,353
5	Michigan	1915	431	78,857	3,893
18	Minnesota	1915	257	30,411	1,602
28	Mississippi	1915	365	20,500	804
9	Missouri	1915	634	63,966	2,444
42	Montana	1914	90	8,226	726
25	Nebraska	1915	267	22,305	1,183
49	Nevada	1915	23	1,975	36
38	New Hampshire	1915	80	10,901	128
15	New Jersey	1915	194	40,569	1,895
44	New Mexico	1915	43	3,564	203
1	New York	1915	837	192,463	6,284
24	North Carolina	1914	421	23,969	1,090
40	North Dakota	1915	106	9,593	463
4	Ohio	1915	541	101,185	5,110
21	Oklahoma	1915	441	27,142	1,760
34	Oregon	1915	145	14,214	954
3	Pennsylvania	1915	492	115,505	4,885
41	Rhode Island	1915	37	9,194	361
33	South Carolina	1915	258	16,165	789
37	South Dakota	1915	142	11,163	433
19	Tennessee	1916	457	28,300	219
8	Texas	1915	890	65,809	2,415
48	Utah	1915	17	2,355	154
35	Vermont	1915	103	14,055	181
23	Virginia	1915	322	24,734	647
27	Washington	1915	190	20,724	1,182
29	West Virginia	1914	147	17,740	1,073
17	Wisconsin	1915	271	30,551	1,308
46	Wyoming	1915	34	3,316	126
	Total number of Lodges		14,853		
	Total number of members			1,712,898	
	Total gain				71,304

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LODGE DIRECTORY.

Showing alphabetical list of Lodges and Postoffice, name of Worshipful Master and Secretary, and time of Stated Meeting.

NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	No. Dist.	POSTOFFICE.	NAME OF SECRETARY.	NAME OF MASTER.	TIME OF STATED MEETING.
913	Aaron	7	Chicago	Andrew C. Metzger. 7135 Woodlawn Ave.	Frank A. Davis. 1352 East 76th St.	First and third Fridays of each month
185	Abingdon	21	Abingdon	G. A. Hickman	Walter E. Miller	First and third Tuesdays of each month
316	Abraham Jonas	18	Loda	Frank F. Butzow	Fred J. Kemp	First and third Mondays of each month
518	Abraham Lincoln	22	Kirkwood	Howard W. Barnes	Jas. R. Hastings	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
67	Acacia	16	LaSalle	Thos. Young, Jr., 919 6th St.	James Tinnern. 7th and Tonti St.	First and Third Wednesdays of each month
277	Accordia	2	Chicago	Aug. H. Kropp. 4649 N. Robey St.	Joseph Klinge. 411 Sullivan St.	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
529	Adams	33	Plainville	Clifford L. McRae	Harvey G. Boren	Saturday on or before each full moon
749	Akin	45	Thompsonville	S. P. Ingram	Geo. H Flanigan	First and third Mondays of each month
566	Albany	13	Albany	Louis Hoobler	Harvey R. Senior	Friday on or before each full moon
974	Albany Park	3	Chicago	Andrew J. Martin. 4713 N. Drake Ave.	Henry C. Johnson. 3544 Lawrence Ave.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
252	Aledo	22	Aledo	Wm. A. Lorimer	Thos. J. Heald	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
702	Alexandria	22	Alexis	I. E. Mayfield	Andrew J. Mann	Friday on or before each full moon
960	Algonquin	8	Algonquin	Geo. E. Bailey	Willis T. Peter	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
752	Allendale	46	Allendale	J. W. Whiteside	J. T. Litherland	First and third Mondays of each month
497	Alma	44	Steeleville	Thos. Robertson	F. A. Wnorowski	Third Saturday
155	Alpha	21	Galesburg	J. Fred Temple. 136 East Main St.	Jas. W. Carney. Holmes Bldg.	First and third Fridays of each month
748	Alta	20	Alta	Chas. A. Haller. R.R. No. 29, Alta, Ill.	Everett W. Carr. R. R. No. 28, Dunlap.	Thursday on or before full moon
533	Altamont	41	Altamont	Fred Naumer	L. S. Hufford	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
902	Alto	13	Steward	W. A. Foster	L. D. Hemenway	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
330	Altona	21	Altona	Ben T. Hart	A. R. Keeler	First and third Mondays of each month
840	Alto Pass	49	Alto Pass	Fred L. Rendleman	Edward L. Hagler	First Wednesday of each month
889	America	7	Chicago	Harry D. Davisson. 918 Tribune Bldg.	Sydney H. Sturdy. 4723 N. Winchest'r Av	First and third Saturdays of each month
142	Ames	15	Sheffield	Wm. Duke	R. C. Perveis	First and third Tuesdays of each month
472	Amity	12	West Chicago	Albert H. Hills	Henry M. Baillie	First and third Fridays of each month
261	Amon	29	Dewitt	I. O. Harrold. R. F. D. No. 5, Clinton	L. R. Ager	Tuesday on or before full moon
280	Anchor	27	Danville	Jas. C. Woodbury. 517 The Temple.	Henry Peter Blose. 110 N. Vermilion St.	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
907	Ancient Craft	4	Chicago	Louis Grollman. 111 W. Monroe St.	Lewis M. DeCosta. 5600 S. Park Ave.	First and third Thursdays of each month
516	Andalusia	14	Andalusia	J. C. Burgoyne	John H. Patterson	Tuesday on or before full moon

520	Anna	49	Anna	W. L. Wiggins	Harry B. Shafer	Third Tuesday of each month
127	Antioch	8	Milburn	Henry Patch, R.R. No. 2, Antioch, Ill.	Ernest L. Wald, Lakevilla, Ill.	First and third Thursdays of each month
676	A. O. Fay	8	Highland Park	Wm. H. Thomas, Box 483, Highland Park	F. L. Young, Waukegan, Ill.	First and third Thursdays of each month
642	Apollo	1	Chicago	Sidney Oppenheim, 1703 139 N. Clark St.	Abraham G. Schwab, 6149 Vernon Ave.	First and third Mondays of each month
859	Apple River	10	Apple River	Howard R. Lamont.	Shelby McFadden	First and third Fridays of each month
717	Arcana	4	Chicago	Chas. J. F. Scharf, 5802 Erie St.	Frank M. Kenyon, 3647 Wabansia Ave.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
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737	Arrowsmith	26	Arrowsmith	C. T. Cherry	O. F. Allen	First and third Thursdays of each month
825	Arthur	38	Arthur	Fred O. Watkins	Geo. E. Reeder	First Monday of each month
929	Ashland	31	Ashland	David H. Sorrells	Walter Adkins	First and third Thursdays of each month
308	Ashlar	3	Chicago	S. Geo. Crooks, 648 Melrose St.	Geo. E. Moore, 3809 W. Adams St.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
390	Ashmore	38	Ashmore	C. T. Comstock	T. E. Austin	Saturday on or before full moon
531	Ashton	13	Ashton	R. W. Jeter	R. S. Charters	Wednesday on or after full moon
100	Astoria	23	Astoria	R. E. Anderson	John D. Atkinson	Tuesday on or before full moon
793	A. T. Darrah	21	Victoria	Chris N. Hoeg, Victoria, Ill.	R. J. Bedford, Dahinda, Ill.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
433	Atkinson	14	Atkinson	M. T. Booth	A. W. Kernwein	Friday on or before full moon
165	Atlanta	25	Atlanta	Benj. I. Pumpelly	Robt. S. McIntyre	First and third Mondays of each month
651	Atwood	28	Atwood	E. D. Rhodes	David C. Martin, Garrett. Ill	Saturday on or before full moon
789	Auburn Park	7	Chicago	W. H. Robson, 7832 S. Union Ave.	Robert M. Hyde, 7834 Union Ave.	First and third Thursdays of each month
254	Aurora	12	Aurora	John T. Nicol, C. B. & Q. Br'k Office.	Fred A. Butke, 287 North Ave.	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
850	Austin	2	Chicago	Robert B. Wilson, 217 N. Menard Ave.	John E. Nicholas, 5452 W. Ohio St.	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
921	Avondale	5	Chicago	H. W. Kuetemeyer, 2937 N. Albany Ave.	Eugene Herschberg, 2924 N. Whipple St.	First and third Thursdays of each month
253	Avon Harmony	23	Avon	Geo. E. Simmons	R. W. Harrod	First and third Mondays of each month
145	A. W. Rawson	9	Pecatonica	A. W. Rawson	J. A. Johnson	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
924	Banner Blue	1	Chicago	A. M. Hunter, 6618 Parnell Ave.	L. Z. Ringer, 7211 La Fayette Ave.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
572	Bardolph	23	Bardolph	Frank Bethel	Walter R. Miner	First Friday of each month
34	Barry	32	Barry	John K. Crawford	Wesley L. Curlis	Saturday on or before full moon
618	Basco	24	Basco	W. H. Damron	Wm. Priessman	Monday before full moon
404	Batavia	12	Batavia	J. W. McNair, 54 N. Van Buren St.	Guy R. Sperry, 205 First St.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month

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520	Anna	49	Anna	W. L. Wiggins	Harry B. Shafer	Third Tuesday of each month
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378	Aroma	18	Aroma Park	Geo. L. Hoke Aroma Park, Ill.	H. J. Storrs R. F. D. No. 2, Wichert, Ill.	Wednesday on or before full moon
737	Arrowsmith	26	Arrowsmith	C. T. Cherry	O. F. Allen	First and third Thursdays of each month
825	Arthur	38	Arthur	Fred O. Watkins	Geo. E. Reeder	First Monday of each month
929	Ashland	31	Ashland	David H. Sorrells	Walter Adkins	First and third Thursdays of each month
308	Ashlar	3	Chicago	S. Geo. Crooks. 648 Melrose St.	Geo. E. Moore 3809 W. Adams St.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
390	Ashmore	38	Ashmore	C. T. Comstock	T. E. Austin	Saturday on or before full moon
531	Ashton	13	Ashton	R. W. Jeter	R. S. Charters	Wednesday on or after full moon
100	Astoria	23	Astoria	R. E. Anderson	John D. Atkinson	Tuesday on or before full moon
793	A. T. Darrah	21	Victoria	Chris N. Hoeg Victoria, Ill.	R. J. Bedford. Dahinda, Ill.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
433	Atkinson	14	Atkinson	M. T. Booth	A. W. Kernwein	Friday on or before full moon
165	Atlanta	25	Atlanta	Benj. I. Pumpelly...	Robt. S. McIntyre.	First and third Mondays of each month
651	Atwood	28	Atwood	E. D. Rhodes	David C. Martin Garrett, Ill.	Saturday on or before full moon
789	Auburn Park	7	Chicago	W. H. Robson 7832 S. Union Ave.	Robert M. Hyde. 7834 Union Ave.	First and third Thursdays of each month
254	Aurora	12	Aurora	John T. Nicol C. B. & Q. Br'k Office.	Fred A. Butke 287 North Ave.	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
850	Austin	2	Chicago	Robert B. Wilson.... 217 N. Menard Ave.	John E. Nicholas.... 5452 W. Ohio St.	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
921	Avondale	5	Chicago	H. W. Kuetemeyer.. 2937 N. Albany Ave.	Eugene Herschberg. 2924 N. Whipple St.	First and third Thursdays of each month
253	Avon Harmony	23	Avon	Geo. E. Simmons	R. W. Harrod	First and third Mondays of each month
145	A. W. Rawson	9	Pecatonica	A. W. Rawson	J. A. Johnson	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
924	Banner Blue	1	Chicago	A. M. Hunter. 6618 Parnell Ave.	L. Z. Ringer. 7211 LaFayette Ave.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
572	Bardolph	23	Bardolph	Frank Bethel	Walter R. Miner	First Friday of each month
34	Barry	32	Barry	John K. Crawford...	Wesley L. Curlis	Saturday on or before full moon
618	Basco	24	Basco	W. H. Damron	Wm. Priessman	Monday before full moon
404	Batavia	12	Batavia	J. W. McNair. 54 N. Van Buren St.	Guy R. Sperry. 205 First St.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month

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771	Bay City	50	Hamletsburg	Isaac Lillie. Brookport, Ill.	C. A. Golden. New Liberty, Ill.	Saturday on or before full moon
784	Beacon Light	6	Norwood Park. Chicago.	Thomas Weston. 80 W. S. Water St., Chicago.	John M. Parnell. 4601 N Kenton Ave., Chicago.	First and third Fridays of each month
665	Beecher City	41	Beecher City	P. R. Phillips	W. W. Hogge	Friday on or before full moon.
909	Bee Hive	6	Chicago.	Morris G. Boas 3003 Wentw'rth Ave.	David L. Roberts. 5524 So. Halsted St.	First and third Wednesdays of each month.
696	Belle Rive	45	Belle Rive	J. Wilkey	R. D. Cook	First and third Tuesdays of each month
822	Belknap	49	Belknap	James R. Roller. Karnak, Ill.	John E. Holt. Boaz, Ill.	Thursday on or before each full moon
911	Bellflower	26	Bellflower	J. M. Jordan	G. H. Flint	First and third Wednesdays of each month
60	Belvidere	9	Belvidere	Chas. A. Rix	Josiah R. Balliet	First and third Mondays of each month
365	Bement	28	Bement	C. O. Houk	A. L. Hawver	Saturday on or before full moon.
52	Benevolent	31	Meredosia	Edward Streuter.	W. G. Burrus	First and third Tuesdays of each month
962	Ben Franklin	3	Chicago	Myron P. Graham. 4419 N. Kildare Ave.	Torkill I. Nelsen. 4023 N. Bernard St.	First and third Fridays of each month
818	Ben Hur	1	Chicago	E. H. Warren. 4102 Kenmore Ave.	Tom H. Witherill. 3222 Franklin Blvd.	Thursday evening of each week
297	Benjamin	33	Camp Point	G. W. Cyrus	James H. Downing	First and third Thursdays of each month
64	Benton	45	Benton	Henry Hudson	John L. Davison	First and third Mondays of each month.
839	Berwyn	5	Berwyn	Wm. F. Struckmann 3421 Oak Park Ave.	Richard W. Thomson 3315 Horne Ave.	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
406	Bethalto	43	Bethalto	Dan A. Olthoff	John R. Elliott	Thursday on or before full moon
884	Bethany	38	Bethany	T. L. Hudson	C. O. Tohill	First Thursday of each month
359	Blackberry	12	Elburn	C. E. Morrill	T. Lyle Seaton	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
238	Black Hawk	24	Hamilton	G. S. Reese	T. F. Woodside	Second Friday
393	Blair	7	Chicago	E. F. Ballard 5434 Winthrop Ave.	John C. C. Damler. 6554 Greenview Ave.	First, third, and fifth Wednesdays of each month
233	Blandinsville	23	Blandinsville	J. L. Griggs	J. E. Huston	First and third Tuesdays of each month
271	Blaney	1	Chicago	A. F. Andresen 1223 Winona Ave.	Robert H. Ehlert 1401 Borland Bldg.	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
458	Blazing Star	47	Carriers Mills	Robt. J. Sneed. Lock Box 681.	Virgial Puckett	First and Third Fridays
148	Bloomfield	39	Chrisman	F. K. Coe	John H. Owens	Sat. on or before full moon and 2 weeks thereaf.
43	Bloomington	26	Bloomington	Nimrod Mace	Albert M. Murray	First and third Thursdays of each month
682	Blue Mound	29	Blue Mound	R. R. McClure	Jos. D. Bottsell	Second Tuesday
647	Blueville	37	Edinburg	Hallie Johns	W. O. Williams	Thursday on or before full moon
846	Bluffs	34	Bluffs	H. D. Killpatrick	Geo. W. Burckholter	First and third Wednesdays of each month
1	Bodley	33	Quincy	Erde W. Beatty. Court House	Warren L. King. Wells Bldg.	First and third Mondays of each month
944	Bohemia	7	Chicago	Frank Vavrock. 4009 W. 26th St.	Theo. J. Pelikan. 1834 So. Millard Ave.	Every Friday

882	Boulevard	4	Chicago	O.D. Olson, Ro'm 1127-30 N. LaSalle St.	M. Vanderkloot, Sr. 7233 Sangamon St.	First and third Thursdays of each month
486	Bowen	24	Bowen	W. C. Rowland	Harry C. Robertson. Golden, Ill.	First and third Fridays of each month
857	Boyd D.	11	Kirkland	H. L. Booth	David Kyles	First and third Fridays of each month
514	Bradford	21	Bradford	Thad J. Ash	George Johnson R. F. D.	Thursday on or before full moon
704	Braidwood	17	Braidwood	Jas. W. Patterson	Marion Morris	First and third Thursdays of each month
386	Bridgeport	46	Bridgeport	E. H. Atkins	E. T. Robinson	First and third Tuesdays of each month
854	Brighton Park	4	Chicago	James Maclaughlan 3537 So. Western Blvd.	John W. Wulff. 6512 So. Paulina St.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
791	Broadlands	28	Broadlands	Joseph E. Johnson	Andrew S. Maxwell	First and third Saturdays of each month
451	Bromwell	37	Assumption	Ernest E. Lloyd	Frank M. Gandy	Thursday on or before full moon
282	Brooklyn	13	Compton	Arthur A. Anglemier	W. H. Dishong	First and third Wednesdays of each month
986	Brotherhood	6	Chicago	W. A. Pittsford 3410 Fulton St.	Sylvanus W. Barnes. 848 Eastwood Ave.	First and third Fridays of each month
963	Broughton	47	Broughton	H. M. Carlisle	John Irvin	First and third Thursdays of each month
634	Buckley	18	Buckley	B. E. Morgan	H. C West	First and third Wednesdays of each month
399	Buda	15	Buda	James Suggitt	Louis H. Scott	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
945	Buffalo	30	Buffalo	Preston G. Williams	Oliver McDaniel	First Monday of each month
679	Buffalo Prairie	14	Buffalo Prairie	Chas. F. Krueger R.R.,9, Muscatine, Ia.	Frank S. Venable R. R. No. 1. Reynolds	Saturday before full moon
151	Bunker Hill	35	Bunker Hill	Geo. H. Baker	Robt. E. Bley. Jr.	Thursday on or before full moon
683	Burnside	24	Burnside	R. H. Wilson	Orville A. Pittam La Harpe.	Saturday on or before full moon
668	Burnt Prairie	46	Burnt Prairie	S. W. Cash	Ed R. Martin	First and third Saturdays of each month
274	Byron	11	Byron	L. J. Stukenberg	F. R. Kendall	First and third Thursdays of each month
237	Cairo	49	Cairo	J. Heid Court House.	B. H. King 807 Washington Ave.	Second Monday of each month
47	Caledonia	50	Pulaski	J. E. Rives	J. R. Sneed	Second and fourth Mondays
792	Calhoun	34	Hardin	Cecil Manker	Carl Gordon	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
716	Calumet	3	Blue Island	D. W. Longacre 479 Greenwood Ave. Blue Island.	G. R. Richter 4700 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
440	Camargo	38	Camargo	A. T. Wiley	Fred Ebel	Thursday on or before full moon
49	Cambridge	14	Cambridge	Oscar E. Sanquist	Frederick Johnson.	First and third Thursdays of each month
648	Camden	24	Camden	Roy J. Thurman	E. L. Daily	Saturday on or before full moon
927	Candida	3	Chicago	Jas. F. Richmond 3323 Hirsch St.	Geo. W. Plucas. 1215 Farwell Ave.	First and third Mondays of each month
575	Capron	9	Capron	F. D. Cornwell	J. C. Nettleton	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
904	Carlock	30	Mechanicsburg	H. R. Riddle	Joseph F. Mooney	Thursday on or before full moon.
732	Carman	22	Carman	G. W. Howell	W. C. Vaughn Lomax. Ill.	Saturday on or before full moon
272	Carmi	46	Carmi	Mark H. Blasker	Daniel H. Boyer	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
900	Carnation	2	Chicago	Fred P. Sherman 4846 St. Lawrence Ave.	Wallace H. Downs. 6044 Eberhart Ave.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
50	Carrollton	34	Carrollton	W. E Slone	Jno. A. Cannedy	First Monday of each month
442	Casey	39	Casey	B. B. Sturdevant	W. C. Slusser	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
23	Cass	31	Beardstown	Walter F. Thron 109½ State St.	Floyd Renfro	First and third Mondays of each month

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895	Crescent	5	Chicago	David R. Roller, 511 W. 60th St.	David H Dryburgh, 918 W. 87th St.	Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.
320	Creston	11	Creston	Thomas Joce	W. H. Dickinson	First Monday of each month
763	Crete	17	Crete	L. S. Cole	Carl Ehrhardt	Third Saturday of each month
534	Cuba	23	Cuba	James J. Woods	F. H. Cole	Monday on or before full moon
987	Cyrene	7	Chicago	David C. Hibbott, 7435 St. Lawr'ce Ave.	Chas. F. Bliss, 4554 Indiana Ave.	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month.
188	Cyrus	10	Mt. Carroll	Jacob M. Landis	Ernest G. Hauth	First and third Tuesdays of each month
967	Dahlgren	47	Dahlgren	John C. Stull	Chas. T. Porter	Second and fourth Monday of each month
235	Dallas City	24	Dallas City	Wm. Prescott	S. G. Rowe	First Friday.
888	Damascus	6	Chicago	Carl Theo. Johnson, 6222 Dorchester Ave.	Albert C. McFarland, 1203 E. 60th St.	First and third Fridays of each month
742	Danvers	26	Danvers	Chas. C. Lambdin	Frank Rusmissell	Thursday on or before full moon
556	Dawson	30	Dawson	Geo. R. Mier	W. R. Constant	Saturday on or before full moon
643	D. C. Cregier	2	Chicago	Fred F. Handrup, 1424 N. Central Park Ave.	Wm. C. Becker, 5539 W. Van Buren St.	Wednesday of each week.
833	Dean	48	Ava	Roger Walwark	John Bennett	Saturday on or before full moon
310	Dearborn	4	Chicago	Geo. D. Chase, 4743 Ingleside Ave.	John A. Bender, 4341 Indiana Ave.	First and third Thursdays of each month
144	DeKalb	11	DeKalb	Geo. Fletcher, 719 So. 3rd St.	A. B. Steuben, 730 No. 4th St.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
812	DeLand	28	DeLand	R. J. Murphy	J. F. Motherspan	First and third Tuesdays of each month
156	Delavan	25	Delavan	Arthur R. Patzer	Harry M Wood	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
464	Denver	24	Denver	F. M. Harter	Evan Wiggle	Saturday on or before full moon
951	Depue	15	Depue	F. W. Krueger	O. D. Robbins	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
287	DeSoto	48	DeSoto	Jas. A. Helm	D. S. Gillmore	Saturday on or before full moon
890	Des Plaines	1	Des Plaines	Chas. M. Larson	Fred Miller	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
84	DeWitt	29	Clinton	A. E. Stone	Grover C. Hoff	Friday on or before full moon
295	Dills	24	West Point	Lynn Crouch	F. A. Hinkle	Thursday on or before full moon
581	Dongola	49	Dongola	G. W. Ausbrooks	C. A. C. Parker	First and third Thursdays of each month
255	Donnellson	36	Donnellson	A. L. Dunn	Wm. R. Ba rd	Tuesday on or before each full moon
952	Donovan	18	Donovan	J. W. Nelson	Geo. M. Thomas	First and third Wednesday of each month
319	Doric	14	Moline	H. S. Ransom, 402 16th St.	Warren L. Eastman, 711 23rd St.	First Thursday of each month
361	Douglas	44	Mascoutah	Robt. J. Schubkegel, Box 252.	Jesse R. Jones	First Saturday of each month
190	Dundee	12	Dundee	F. M. Carr	J. R. Bingham	First and third Fridays of each month
321	Dunlap	13	Morrison	A. M. Kidd	M. R. Nelson	First and third Mondays of each month

234	DuQuoin	45	Duquoin	Rob't C. Eaton, 132 E. Spring St.	John T. Sweatt	Second Thursday of each month
302	Durand	9	Durand	Edw. Nelson	F. J. Lins	First and third Thursdays of each month
923	East Gate	7	Chicago	Wm. J. McKeen, 570 Fulton St.	Grover C. Niemeyer, 105 W. Monroe St.	First and Third Thursdays of each month
969	East Moline	14	East Moline	Simeon E. Long, Mnfrs. State Bank Bldg.	A. D. Cox, 266 19th St.	Third Friday of each month
504	East St. Louis	44	East St. Louis	E. S. McIntyre, 510 Veronica St.	T. A. Cherry, 3241 Linden Bl.	First and third Thursdays of each month
672	Eddyville	50	Eddyville	H. G. Maynor	W. R. S. Barger	First Saturday of each month
829	Edgar	39	Hume	Wm. Yenawine	Geo. O. Boswell	Third Tuesday of each month
901	Edgewater	3	Chicago	Chas. H. Kern, 5439 Lakewood Ave.	Edmund L. Hatfield, 1321 Hood Ave.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
484	Edgewood	41	Edgewood	Samuel Ging	R. P. Mahon	Saturday on or before full moon
164	Edward Dobbins	46	Lawrenceville	J. O. Martin	Warren L. Chamblin	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
99	Edwardsville	43	Edwardsville	T. M. Crossman	F. M. Campbell	First and third Thursdays of each month
149	Effingham	41	Effingham	Mannie L. Elbow	James T. Ewing	First Friday of each month
633	E. F. W. Ellis	9	Rockford	Geo. Southam, 618 Market St.	Fritz S. Larson, 324 Buckbee St.	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
388	El Dara	32	El Dara	Chas. F. Frank, R. R. 1, New Canton	P. A. Moyer	Saturday on or before full moon
730	Eldorado	47	Eldorado	T. A. Grable	D. L. Wood	First and third Fridays of each month
117	Elgin	12	Elgin	Thos B. Rowlands, 408 S. Liberty St.	Chas. H. Kuntz, 164 Jewett St.	First and third Mondays of each month
276	Elizabeth	50	Elizabethtown	Jno. Q. A. Ledbetter	Arthur A. Miles	First and third Thursdays of each month
903	Elkhart	25	Elkhart	Logan Barber	H. E. Council	Third Wednesday of each month
941	Elmhurst	12	Elmhurst	Anton E. Nelson	Henry F. Hobein	First and third Fridays of each month
246	El Paso	20	Chester F. Curtiss		Chas. D. Pollard	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
715	Elvaston	24	Elvaston	A. J. Lively	J. W. Cochran	Tuesday on or before full moon
919	Elwood	17	Elwood	Christian Nielsen	Daniel N. Blatt	First Thursday of each month
984	Emblem	4	Chicago	Chas. Blind, 6415 Vernon Ave.	Louis F. Buchsieb, 826 Eastwood Ave.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
796	E. M. Husted	34	Roodhouse	W. F. Thompson	S. Lee Smith	Monday on or before full moon
126	Empire	25	Pekin	H. P. Weyhrich	E. B. Sanborn	First and third Thursdays of each month
677	Enfield	46	Enfield	Chas. W. McCurdy	David S. Green	First and third Fridays of each month
690	Englewood	7	Chicago	Alfred Guthrie, 6914 Wentwo'th Ave.	Guy M. Chapman, 5847 Prairie Ave.	First and third Mondays of each month
2	Equality	47	Equality	Charles H. Guard	Carroll H. Davis	First Wednesday of each month
878	Equity	1	Chicago	Harry C. Kinne, 1407 Ashland Block	Jas. S. Rodie, Jr., 3624 W. 84th St.	First and third Mondays of each month
667	Erie	13	Erie	J. A. Kelly	Albert Turner	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
65	Euclid	12	Naperville	Eli F. Stark	S. S. Good	First and third Tuesdays of each month
69	Eureka	14	Milan	Robert E. Little	Warner L. Eddy	First Friday of each month
524	Evans	1	Evanston	Wm. J. Bristow, 810 Davis St.	Pierre H. Gilleland, 2502 S. State St., Chicago.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month

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414	Evening Star	9	Davis	Wm. E. Morris	Eugene R. Ditzler	First and third Fridays of each month
170	Evergreen	9	Freeport	E. E. Keck, 14 Washington Pl'ce	Jos. H. L. Penning, 3rd St.	First and third Mondays of each month
705	Ewing	45	Ewing	D. G. Fitzgerrell	J. D. Hemphill	First Friday of each month
97	Excelsior	9	Freeport	Chas. C. Wolfe, 82 Douglas Ave.	Chas. P. Guenther, 26 So. Galena Ave.	First and third Fridays of each month
966	Exemplar	5	Chicago	Frank R. Jennings, 221 N. Long Ave.	Geo. S. Palmer, 5218 Greenwood Ave.	First and third Fridays of each month
424	Exeter	34	Exeter	Clyde Funk, R.R. No.2, Bluffs, Ill.	W. H. Sappington	Thursday on or before full moon
206	Fairfield	42	Fairfield	Samuel T. Pendleton	M. L. Calkin	First and third Mondays of each month
590	Fairmount	27	Fairmount	Gilbert F. Ketter	Robert Bryson	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
350	Fairview	23	Fairview	John W. Gaddis	Elmer A. Rowe	Thursday on or before full moon
601	Farina	41	Farina	J. R. Dillon	S. B. Gwin	First and third Thursdays of each month
710	Farmer City	29	Farmer City	Fred Arbogast	I. C. Morrical	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
232	Farmers	50	Brookport	Joseph K. West, Lock Box 26.	John J. Farmer	Second Saturday of each month
192	Farmington	23	Farmington	A. A. Luckey	James E. Wasson	Fourth Friday of each month
961	Federal	2	Chicago	Thos A. Bairnson, 6026 Ingleside Ave	Chester B. DuVal, 7112 Union Ave.	First and third Fridays of each month
89	Fellowship	43	Marion	G. W. Mercer, 300 N. Monroe St	L. W. Gassoway	First Tuesday of each month
971	Fernwood Park	7	Chicago	Smith J. Eagley, 10240 Eggleston Ave.	Wm. H Cruden, 10204 Wallace St.	First and third Fridays of each month
152	Fidelity	35	Medora	Chas. W. Tietsort	Rolla N. Clower, Piasa. Ill.	Wednesday on or before full moon
842	Fides	7	West Pullman, Chicago	Guy H. Castle, 12007 Harvard Ave.	Floyd P. Blakely, 12113 Wallace St.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
592	Fieldon	34	Fieldon	Elias F. Brown	John T. Brown	Third Saturday of each month
670	Fillmore	36	Fillmore	C. H. Ramine, Box 223	Earl C. Wolcott	Monday on or before full moon
831	Findlay	37	Findlay	Otis E. Stumpf	L. M. Courtright	First and third Fridays of each month
585	Fisher	37	Grove City	Sidney M. Holben, R. R. No. 3, Stoning-ton, Ill.	Wilbur Sadler	Tuesday on or before full moon
348	Flat Rock	40	Flat Rock	John R. Taylor	John A. Dyke	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
204	Flora	42	Flora	A. R. Dreppard	Fred J. Smith	First Wednesday of each month
614	Forrest	19	Forrest	Benj. Singleton	J. L. Rudd	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
567	Frankfort	45	West Frankfort	C. D. Kelly	Riley M. Burke	First and third Thursdays of each month
25	Franklin	43	Alton	Wm. J. Crawford, 3016 College Ave.	John F. Strickland, 609 Forest Ave.	Third Saturday of each month

264	Franklin Grove	13	Franklin Grove	N. A. Whitney	W. L. Moore	First Tuesday of each month
58	Fraternal	28	Monticello	J. R. Heffner	J. T. Vent	Second Wednesday of each month
418	Freeburg	44	Freeburg	Cyrus A. Whittaker.	Louis G. Joseph	Saturday on or before full moon
194	Freedom	16	Freedom	J. E. Keeler R. R. 43, Earlville, Ill.	Edward Bregnon R.R. No. 54, Sheridan	Saturday on or before full moon
872	Free Will	27	Oakwood	V. E. Francis	C. F. Stanner	First and third Thursdays of each month
7	Friendship	13	Dixon	D. S. Horton	Geo. H. Beckingham	Second Thursday of each month
341	Full Moon	34	Grafton	C. J. Slaten	D. C. Slaten	Saturday on or before full moon
189	Fulton City	13	Fulton	Geo. Lein	A. M. Blodgett	First Monday of each month
684	Galatia	47	Galatia	W. T. Smart	W. O. Stone	Saturday on or before full moon
243	Galva	14	Galva	Eng. S. Sanders	Olcott R. Thomas	First and third Tuesdays of each month
141	Garden City	3	Chicago	Edw. L. Holmes 4523 Wash'gton Blvd.	Chas. A. McCreary 6217 Greenwood Ave.	Tuesday of each week
573	Gardner	17	Gardner	L. G. Horrie	W. A. Ferguson South Wilmington, Ill.	First and third Mondays of each month
686	Garfield	6	Chicago	Chas. W. Walduck 3525 Adams St.	Frank S. Leach 2601 Washingt'n Blvd.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
139	Geneva	12	Geneva	R. W. Lofborn	C. P. Mead	First and third Tuesdays of each month
288	Genoa	11	Genoa	T. M. Frazier	Christian Holm	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
222	Geo. Washington	20	Chillicothe	A. M. Root	C. B. Wilsey	First and third Mondays of each month
182	Germania	5	Chicago	John B. Hartke 2844 Burling St.	Theo. M. Gottman 310 S. Peoria St.	First and third Thursdays of each month
733	Gibson	19	Gibson City	P. C. McKay	Wm. H. Walden	First and third Mondays of each month
382	Gill	31	Lynnville	Earl R. Landes R.R. 2, Jacksonville.	Thos. R. Dodsworth R. R. 2, Jacksonville	Tuesday on or before full moon
214	Gillespie	35	Gillespie	Roy O. Hoehn	Perry G. Sawyer	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
809	Gilham	36	Mulberry Grove	Fred E Martin	Julius Howell	Friday on or before full moon
591	Gilman	18	Gilman	W. E. Atkinson	Geo. L. Harris	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
908	Gil. W. Barnard	5	Chicago	Robert F. Cheyne 7350 University Ave.	Enoch Lawson 6956 Cornell Ave.	First and third Fridays of each month
171	Girard	35	Girard	O. B. Metcalf	Jacob Gasen	First Monday of each month
983	Glencoe	3	Glencoe	Geo. W. Mieth 115 Mary St., Hubbard Woods	J. Fred McGuire 500 Adams St.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
950	Glen Ellyn	12	Glenellyn	John Le Messurier	Karl C. Loehr	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
131	Golconda	50	Golconda	Sam'l L. Morse	S. V. Clanahan	Second Monday of each month
248	Golden Gate	23	Prairie City	D. E. Wittenmeyer	J. W. Wilson	First and third Tuesdays of each month
726	Golden Rule	5	Chicago	Adna J. Cornell 30 N. La Salle St.	Harry Ruben 7339 Harvard Ave.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
617	Good Hope	23	Good Hope	J. C. Kennedy	J. L. Hardin	Thursday on or before full moon
744	Goode	45	Valier	W. A. Sample R.R. No. 4. Benton Ill.	W. H. Thomas R. R. 3, Benton, Ill.	Saturday on or before full moon
473	Gordon	36	Pocahontas	D. R. Wilkins	Joseph S. Carson	First and third Fridays
852	Gothic	44	East St. Louis	Wallace C. Watkins. 14th & College Ave.	Jas. M. Gucker. 1932 N. 38th St.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
660	Grand Chain	50	Grand Chain	W. J. Davidson	A. W. Tarr	Monday on or before full moon

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776	Grand Crossing..	1	Chicago.....	E. L. Eckersall..... 7245 Champlain Ave.	G. G. Weden..... 7628 Rhodes Ave.	First and third Saturdays of each month.....
877	Granite City.....	43	Granite City	John W. Costley..... 2028 C St.	Wm. C. Williams 2240 G. St.	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month....
928	Grant Park. ...	18	Grant Park	W. E. Kinstner.....	Albert Wright.....	First and third Fridays of each month
129	Greenfield.....	34	Greenfield.....	Hugh A Shields	Chas. P. Entrekin...	Friday on or before full moon.....
125	Greenup.....	39	Greenup.....	W. W. Rothrock	Oliver H. Shiels.....	First and third Thursdays of each month.....
653	Greenview.	30	Greenview.....	John H. Stone	Guy L. Swiney.....	First Tuesday of each month
245	Greenville.....	36	Greenville.....	Clark K. Denny 337 N. 3rd St.	Warren F. McLain..	First Wednesday of each month.....
45	Griggsville.....	32	Griggsville.....	John S. Felmley.....	Fred A. Stone	Tuesday on or before full moon
824	Grove.....	12	Downers Grove..	Fred E. Dowe..... Box 47.	A. C. Burt	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
352	Groveland.....	25	Morton.....	Levi Mosiman.....	K. S. Yoder.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month.....
778	Gurney.....	49	Allen Springs....	Rolla Nelson..... Grantsburg, Ill.	James Bailey..... Grantsburg, Ill	Saturday before full moon.....
443	Hampshire.....	12	Hampshire.....	C. H. Klick	Albert W. Glidden...	First and third Tuesdays of each month.....
20	Hancock.....	24	Carthage	Wm. H. Bartels.....	Edward P. Cutler...	Second Monday of each month.....
905	Hanover.....	10	Hanover..... ...	John J. Miller.....	Wm. J. Shipton.....	Second Friday of each month.....
731	Harbor.....	6	Chicago.....	Frank J. Winzeler.. 3057 E. 91st St.	Thos. M. Jones 1218 East 66th St.	First and third Wednesdays of each month.....
44	Hardin	32	Mt. Sterling.....	H. A. Perry	E. E. McCoy	Sat. on or before full moon and 2 wks after.....
756	Hardinville.....	40	Hardinville	I. G. Pringle	Titus W. Haught..... R. R. No. 4, Robinson	First and third Wednesdays of each month.....
3	Harmony.....	31	Jacksonville	John R. Phillips..... 331 W. College St.	John Numes..... 415 College Ave.	First and third Mondays of each month.....
325	Harrisburg	47	Harrisburg..... .	J. W. Richardson ...	Wm. T. Cable	First and third Tuesdays of each month.....
309	Harvard.....	8	Harvard.....	Hugh H. Megran..... 103 W. Diggins St.	Wm. R. Ferrier.....	First and third Tuesdays of each month.....
832	Harvey.....	3	Harvey.....	John J. Gard 153 155th St.	Karl A. Finley..... 15521 Loomis Ave.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
88	Havana.....	31	Havana.....	Adolph Schill.....	James D. McHose....	First Monday of each month
580	Hazel Dell.....	39	Hazel Dell.....	W. H. Harrison	J. G. Sample	First and third Tuesdays of each month.
604	Hebron	8	Hebron	A. D. Wiseman.	E. H. Lewis	Second and fourth Mondays.....
820	Henderson	29	Kenney.....	J. Aughenbaugh.....	Perry Wene.....	Saturday on or before full moon
119	Henry	15	Henry	Frank Johnson.....	C. E. Smith.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
669	Herder	4	Chicago.....	Gustav K. Schaetz.. 18 N. Lorel Ave.	Jacob Mergen..... 2025 W. 12th St.	First and third Mondays of each month.....
39	Herman	33	Quincy.....	P. J. Schlagenhauf.. Stern Bldg.	Wm. A. Schwindeler 119 No. 6th St.	First and third Tuesdays of each month.....
356	Hermitage	46	Albion	W. H. Siefferman....	Allen E. Walker.....	First and third Mondays of each month.....
193	Herrick.....	24	Pontoosuc.....	James Lamb.....	David Moyes.....	Saturday on or before full moon.....
693	Herrin's Prairie.	48	Herrin.....	Horace Barnhill.....	Archie Yerill.....	First and third Thursdays of each month.....

411	Hesperia	3	Chicago	Gerry R. Walker, 6637 Normal Blvd.	Robert A. Gano, 406,22 Quincy St.	Thursday of each week
251	Heyworth	26	Heyworth	Albion C. Lake	L. T. Rutledge	First and third Tuesdays in each month
249	Hibbard	35	Brighton	O. C. Isenberg	F. W. Froelich	Second Monday of each month
583	Highland	43	Highland	Louis J. Appel	Michael Matter	First Thursday of each month
301	Hinckley	11	Hinckley	A. F. Prince	A. R. Dewey	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
837	Hindsboro	38	Hindsboro	C. L. Watson	J. B. Bradford	Wednesday on or before full moon
934	Hinsdale	12	Hinsdale	W. F. Krohn, 144 N. Washi'gt'n St.	E. E. Shaw	First and third Thursdays of each month
508	Home	7	Chicago	Henry H. Blake, 3845 Ellis Ave.	Burton M. Tunison, Glen Ellen, Ill.	First and third Fridays of each month
199	Homer	28	Homer	Charles D. Brown	Ray Salladay, Fairmount, Ill.	Tuesday on or before full moon
886	Hooppole	14	Hooppole	Ray H. Petty	F. A. Lohman	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
162	Hope	44	Sparta	Robert J. McAllister	Charles J. Skelly	Second Friday of each month
622	Hopedale	25	Hopedale	Wm. E. Raab	Joseph Fishel	First and third Thursdays of each month
363	Horeb	20	Elmwood	Evans C. Wiley	Percy W. Oldknow	Second Wednesday of each month
244	Horicon	11	Rochelle	O. C. Griffin	B. L. Berve	First and third Tuesdays of each month
910	Hull	32	Hull	Lewis Weir	Everett L. Lawrence	Thursday on or before full moon
555	Humboldt	16	Ottawa	R. A. Nickerson, 404 2nd Ave.	Geo. H. Smith, 910 Ill. Ave	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
813	Humboldt Park	6	Chicago	Chas. H. Witbeck, 3636 Armitage Ave.	Albert Jas. Dew, 818 No. Robey St.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
465	Huntsville	24	Huntsville	Troy P. Bilderback, Augusta	C. E. Bilderback, Augusta, Ill.	Saturday on or before full moon
136	Hutsonville	40	Hutsonville	O. B. Mount	A. C. Lindley	First and third Mondays of each month
698	Hutton	39	Diona	Otto Ryan, Greenup, Ill.	Harry Devinney, Charleston, Ill.	Saturday on or before full moon
989	Hyde Park	2	Chicago	Rapha'l N. Friedman, 6 N. Clark St.	Nathani'l Wm. Lewis, 5341 Prairie Ave.	First and third Fridays of each month
263	Illinois	20	Peoria	Isaac M. Hornbacker, 412 Woolner Bldg.	Lester Brenner, 104 Wisconsin St.	Fourth Tuesday of each month
178	Illinois Central	13	Amboy	V. B. Andruss	W. L. Berryman	First and third Mondays of each month
521	Illiopolis	30	Illiopolis	L. D. Barnum	Wm. A Matthews	Thursday on or before full moon
327	Industry	23	Industry	J. S. McCreight	J. Morris Pennington	Thursday on or before full moon
691	Iola	42	Iola	Thos. W. Williams	Jonathan E. Downey	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
312	Ionic	29	Decatur	Elmer O. Brintlinger, 253 N. Main St.	Chas. O. Clendening, 140 E. Decatur St.	Second Monday of each month
213	Ipava	23	Ipava	S. M. Kinsey	C. J. Baumgardner	Saturday on or before full moon
455	Irving	36	Irving	Joseph Platt	Robert N. Casady	First Monday of each month
53	Jackson	37	Shelbyville	W. S. Amlin	Will A. Baker	Wednesday on or before full moon
915	Jackson Park	2	Chicago	J. T. Brown, 6407 Blackst'ne Ave.	A. F. Luwance, 4720 St. Lawrence Av.	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
570	Jacksonville	31	Jacksonville	E. L. Kinney, 197 S. Prairie St.	R. A. Hartman, Diamond Court	First and third Thursdays of each month
368	Jefferson	45	Opdyke	Edwin L. Miller	Walter B. Plummer	First and third Wednesdays of each month
460	Jeffersonville	42	Jeffersonville	C. N. Hambleton	J. H. Sidwell	Second and fourth Saturdays in each month
394	Jerseyville	34	Jerseyville	J. G. Erwin	F. W. Delano	Monday on or before full moon

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90	JerusalemT'mple	12	Aurora	E. Homer Cooley..... 74 N. View St.	Osborne R. Trigg.... 163 Penn Ave.	First and third Tuesdays of each month.....
318	J. L. Anderson...	24	Augusta	Geo. H. Slingerland.	Chas. G. Phelps.....	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month....
278	Jo Daviess.....	10	Warren.....	E. J. Wilcox.....	L. E. Anschutz.....	Second and fourth Fridays of each month.....
880	John B. Sherman	3	Chicago	F. T. Rusch..... 5335 Emerald Ave.	Duane B. Griffin..... 6219 Justine St.	First and third Tuesdays of each month.....
944	John Corson Smith	1	Chicago	Bernard Breakstone 1542 Elburn Ave.	Sam'l A. Fischer..... 903 S. Winchester Av.	First and third Wednesdays of each month.....
510	John D. Moody..	42	Iuka	Wm. M. Beaver.....	W. L. Finn.....	Second Friday of each month
713	Johnsonville.....	42	Johnsonville	M. M. Galbraith.....	D. E. Hilliard.....	First and third Saturdays of each month.....
111	Jonesboro.....	49	Jonesboro	Ed. Lee.....	Henry G. Hileman..	First and second Tuesdays of each month.....
706	Joppa.....	37	Cowden	Chas. E. Zeigler	B. W. Lamb.....	First and third Wednesdays of each month.....
930	Joseph Robbins .	20	Peoria	Frank Nelson..... 201 Livington St....	Theodore Hetzel..... 2901 So. Adams St.	Fourth Thursday of each month.....
946	Joy.....	22	Joy	John D. Carnahan...	Verdi Pullen.....	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month....
537	J. R. Gorin	28	Sadorus	R. E. Chambers.....	Jas. T. Wise.....	Saturday on or before full moon.....
949	Justice	3	Chicago	Andrew J. O'Donnell 2612 N. Clark St.....	Percy H. Corbett.... 3348 W. 60th St.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month.....
389	Kankakee.....	18	Kankakee	Chas. F. Whitmore.. City N. Bank Bldg..	Selsor Orr.....	First and third Tuesdays of each month
280	Kansas	39	Kansas	Frank S. Anderson..	Bruce D. Arterburn.	First and third Tuesdays of eachmonth.
86	Kaskaskia.....	44	Evansville	Philip E. Sauer.....	Wm. H. Schuwerk ..	First Saturday after first quarter of each moon.
36	Kavanaugh	10	Elizabeth.....	E. A. Laign.....	R. S. Dresser.....	Second Friday of each month.....
340	Kedron	37	Mt. Auburn	W. C. Armstrong.....	J. M. Wiswell.....	Wednesday on or before full moon.....
471	Kendall.....	12	Yorkville.....	Oscar C. Knudson..	David C. Mewhirter.	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month..
430	Kendrick.....	32	Timewell.....	Wm. H. McPhail.....	Roscoe E. Arvin.....	Saturday on or before full moon.....
947	Kenmore.....	2	Chicago	Albert H. Reinhardt 1511 Olive Ave.	Max Borchardt..... Schiller Bldg.	First and third Mondays of each month.....
804	Kensington	4	Chicago	H. A. Wray..... 39 E. 107th St.	Geo. Male..... 11223 Michigan Ave.	Saturday of each week.....
800	Kenwood.....	3	Chicago	A. E. McCallum..... 920 LaFayette Parkway	Lloyd M. Brown..... 29 So. La Salle St.	Monday of each week.....
159	Kewanee.....	14	Kewanee	F. M. Wedge	F. V. Chambers	First and third Fridays of each month.....
639	Keystone.....	7	Chicago.....	G. P. Allmendinger. 1st Nat'l Bank Bldg.	Wm. H. Molter..... 305 W. Adams St.	First and third Wednesdays of each month.....
311	Kilwinning.....	5	Chicago	Norton F. Stone 641 W. Washington Blvd.	Alexander McNair.. 117 S. Campbell Ave.	First and third Thursdays of each month.....
353	Kinderhook.....	32	Kinderhook.....	F. A. Longnecker ...	A. C. Bancroft.....	Wednesday on or before full moon.....

855	King Oscar	5	Chicago	Nels. J. Johnson, 1431 Unity Bldg.	Otto J. Sandberg, 3807 Wilton Ave.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
197	King Solomon	34	Kane	Fred T. Witt	Wm. P. Witt	Saturday on or before full moon
266	Kingston	33	Kingston	John G. Sykes, R. R. No. 1, Baylis	Emmett F. Kelly, R. R. No. 2, Barry.	Saturday on or before full moon
398	Kinmundy	42	Kinmundy	E. R. Hensley	A. M. Allen	First and third Wednesdays of each month
402	Kishwaukee	11	Kingston	O. W. Vickell	H. G. Burgess	Thursday on or before full moon
896	Kosmos	6	Chicago	Fred A. Frosch, 8749 Elizabeth St.	John H. Vincent, 5715 So. Ada St.	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
61	Lacon	15	Lacon	R. H. Maxwell	W. G. Dorsey	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
657	La Fayette	48	Grand Tower	L. M. Crow	Jos. T. Evans	First and third Thursdays of each month
770	La Grange	6	La Grange	Norton L. Rowley	Edward K. Slater	First and third Tuesdays of each month
195	La Harpe	24	La Harpe	Isaac E. Kilgore	A. R. Manifold	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
729	Lake Creek	48	Johnston City	M. Ozment	Arch Willard	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
739	Lakeside	7	Chicago	Joseph W. Leverenz, 5751 Prairie Ave.	Henry B. Meinhardt, 703 W. 76th St.	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
774	Lake View	7	Chicago	Chas. A. Rohde, 3848 N. Seeley Ave.	Geo. E. Brown, 2615 Sheffield Ave.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
659	Lambert	33	Quincy	Chas. E. Lane, % G. C. B. C.	Emmett A. Simpson, % P. O.	First and third Thursdays of each month
383	La Moille	15	Lamoille	C. G. Houghton	J. W. Payne	First and third Fridays of each month
935	La Moine	24	Brooklyn	T. D. Lewis	M. S. Crone	Monday on or before full moon
423	Lanark	10	Lanark	B. E. Olmsted	R. D. Bray	First and third Thursdays of each month
106	Lancaster	20	Glasford	Samuel Barron	John Payne	First Friday of each month
422	Landmark	4	Chicago	John Hosbury, 831 Bowen Ave.	Chas. D. Harris, 4004 Cott'geGr'veAv.	Friday of each week
267	La Prairie	33	Golden	Charles C. Hoyt	Robert E. Wheeler	First and third Mondays of each month
853	Latham	25	Latham	M. M. Vaughn	J. O. Sutherland	Saturday on or before full moon
203	Lavely	30	Williamsville	H. E. Conrey	John R. Jones, Jr	First Saturday of each month
815	Lawn	7	Chicago	J. R. Hayden, 3529 W. 60th Place	A. E. Crouch, 3347 W. 64th St.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
415	Lawn Ridge	21	Speer	Ben E. Davis	Wm. Gruner	Wednesday on or before full moon
110	Lebanon	44	Lebanon	Thos. B. Sullins	St. Clare Flint	Second Tuesday of each month
146	Lee Center	13	Lee Center	A. Aschenbrenner, R. R. No. 2, Amboy	James E. Gray	Friday on or before full moon
558	Leland	16	Leland	Wm. Julian	A. J. Legner	First and third Wednesdays of each month
174	Lena	9	Lena	Geo. A. Boeke	Jesse N. Gates	First Wednesday of each month
788	Lerna	38	Lerna	R. G. Hall	Wm. H. Williams	Third Saturday of each month
221	LeRoy	26	LeRoy	H. W. Van Atta	S. S. Middleton	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
557	Lessing	4	Chicago	Alex. Lampe, 3047 Lincoln Ave.	Julius R. Hardtmann, 2849 N. Halsted St.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
270	Levi Lusk	15	Arlington	Samuel P. Prescott	Warren A. Prescott	Third Wednesday of each month
104	Lewistown	23	Lewistown	Walter B. Gillam	Harvey H. Atherton	Second Friday of each month
482	Lexington	26	Lexington	A. H. Scrogin	Geo. W. Bishop	First and third Wednesdays of each month
380	Liberty	33	Liberty	W. E. Mercer	A. R. Frey	First and third Thursdays of each month
492	Libertyville	8	Libertyville	Chas. F. Smale, Jr, Box 474.	Fred C. Bulkey	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
135	Lima	33	Lima	J. W. Jacobs	I. E. Bolt	Wednesday on or before full moon

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611	Lincoln Park	6	Chicago.....	Claude L. Griggs.... 3642 Maple Square.. Ave.	David A. McNeill.... 1300 Norwood St.	First and third Fridays of each month.....
517	Litchfield.....	36	Litchfield.....	F. C. Blackwelder... 130 W. Ryder St.	Chas. H. Stivers.....	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month....
766	Littleton	24	Littleton.	Wm. L. Runkle.....	L. L. Horney	Saturday on or before full moon and 2 wks later
371	Livingston.....	19	Dwight	Frank W. Ford.....	Earl E. Losee.....	First and third Mondays of each month.....
450	Loami	30	Loami	Henry W. Colburn..	Cyrus G. Alexander.	Wednesday on or before full moon.....
538	Lockport.....	17	Lockport.....	Morris P. Johnson... Box 404.	Paul E. Prutsman..	First and third Thursdays of each month
623	Locust.....	37	Owaneco.....	L. C. Honefenger....	Zura F. Bates.....	Saturday on or before full moon.....
210	Logan.....	25	Lincoln.....	John Smith Box 286.	Howard Vaughn.....	First and third Tuesdays of each month.....
891	Logan Square...	2	Chicago	Wm. H. Hadam..... 2719 N. Whipple St.	Amede L. Alie..... 4226 Milwaukee Ave.	First and third Wednesdays of each month.....
848	London.....	23	London Mills . ..	J. F. Luman.....	Arthur Luman	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month..
552	Long Point.....	19	Long Point.....	J. C. Huetson.....	B. F. Colehower.....	First and third Tuesdays of each month.....
893	Loraine.....	33	Loraine.....	Lincoln R. Nutt.....	Newell Sapp.....	Second Wednesday of each month....
870	Lostant	16	Lostant.....	Alfred H. Bell.....	Geo. F. Bell	First and third Thursdays of each month.....
196	Louisville	42	Louisville	Alsie N. Tolliver.....	Wm. L. Kerr.....	Thursday on or before full moon
751	Lounsbury.....	1	Barrington.....	A. T. Ulitsch.....	A. W. Sutherland....	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.....
228	Lovington.....	38	Lovington.....	Albert A. Brown.....	Ralph E. Bowers.....	Saturday on or before full moon
750	Lyndon.....	13	Lyndon.....	A. F. Riley..... Box 153.	C. F. Powell.....	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
132	Mackinaw.....	25	Mackinaw.....	Roy H. Pepper.....	W. W. Waterson....	Third Saturday of each month
17	Macomb.....	23	Macomb.....	W. E. Dudman.....	S. P. Odenweller.....	First Friday of each month
8	Macon.....	29	Decatur.....	J. W. Montgomery .. 330 E. Leafland Ave.	Edmund C. Probst... 1738 N. Edward St.	First Friday of each month.....
560	Madison	43	New Douglas.....	Otto Bartels..	A. E. Smith	Third Friday of each month
103	Magnolia.....	15	Magnolia.....	T. L. Skelton..... ...	E. A. Mathis.....	First and third Saturdays of each month.....
220	Mahomet.....	28	Mahomet.....	Martin K. Busey	John J. Hayward....	Monday on or before full moon.....
434	Makanda.....	48	Makanda	H. V. Gher.....	Geo. Granger.....	Thursday on or before full moon
229	Manchester.....	34	Manchester	W. T. Knox.....	C. D. Chapman.....	Tuesday on or before full moon...
476	Manito.....	31	Manito.....	R. H. Rohlfs.....	S. J. Memmen.	First Wednesday of each month
933	Manlius	15	Manlius	J. L. Martin.....	Paul M. Andrews....	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month..
773	Mansfield	28	Mansfield.....	Duane Ross	Wallace Wack.....	Second and fourth Mondays of each month.....
942	Maple Park	12	Maple Park.....	H. G. Gerlach.....	Robert T. Emberson	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month..
964	Maplewood	4	Chicago	Chas. W. Kaiser..... 2925 N. Richmond St.	Edward J. Goodsell. 3212 Logan Blvd.	First and third Mondays of each month..
530	Maquon.....	21	Maquon....	P. C. Lafferty	Sala B. Foster.....	First and third Mondays of each month.....
114	Marcelline.....	33	Marcelline.....	F. P. Taylor R. R. No. 1, Ursa.	B. F. Bryant	Saturday on or before full moon.....
138	Marengo..	8	Marengo	L. W. Davis Box 687	A. C. Smith.....	Second and fourth Mondays of each month.....

355	Marine	43	Marine	Louis Brandes	L. C. Heim	Wednesday on or before full moon
130	Marion	42	Salem	L. O. Vogt	Omer J. McMackin	First and third Wednesdays of each month
881	Marissa	44	Marissa	H. C. Kunze	Christian Beckman. R.R. No. 1, Lenzburg	First Friday of each month
454	Maroa	29	Maroa	Jas. H. Sterling	Geo. Stephen Cooper	First Tuesday of each month
417	Marseilles	16	Marseilles	B. U. Stebbins	G. E. Ten Eyck	First and third Tuesdays of each month
133	Marshall	39	Marshall	Burns D. Smith	Geo. G. Purdunn	Second Wednesday of each month
491	Martin	10	East Dubuque	A. P. Heller 12th & Clay St. Dubuque, Iowa	Jno. C. Wittenberger	First Thursday of each month
845	Martinton	18	Martinton	O. G. Mack	L. J. Snider	First and third Thursdays of each month
217	Mason	41	Mason	A. G. Kincaid	R. E. Hardsack	Wednesday on or before full moon
403	Mason City	31	Mason City	C. D. V. McKinley	H. A. McCreery	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
175	Matteson	17	Joliet	Frank W. Wheeler. 1109 Cass St.	Harry M. Gray. 111 So. Eastern Ave.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
260	Mattoon	38	Mattoon	Sam'l B. Patheal	Homer O. Ragland	First and third Mondays of each month
718	May	46	Norris City	E. L. Spence	Chas. Wakeford	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
664	Mayo	41	Winterrowd	T. J. Dunn Dieterich, Ill.	Jas. D. Marshall Dieterich, Ill.	Saturday on or before full moon
869	Maywood	4	Maywood	Murray E. Brigham. 618 S. 9th Ave.	Jas. W. Turney 1006 N. 6th Ave.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
826	Mazon	17	Mazon	Frank N. Randall	G. E. Clapp	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
158	McHenry	8	McHenry	Alford H. Pouse W. McHenry, Ill.	Floyd E. Covalt	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
469	McLean	26	McLean	Wm. N. Ewing	Chas. A. Wheelock	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
976	Melrose Abbey	5	Chicago	Charles Meldrum 1127 N. Karlov Ave.	Geo. Catto. 105 W. Monroe St.	First and third Thursdays of each month
811	Melvin	19	Melvin	Henry Siems	H. L. Boshell	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
449	Mendon	33	Mendon	G. F. Warner	J. R. Urech	Tuesday on or before full moon
176	Mendota	16	Mendota	Ed. Lathrop	Harrison L. Gray	Second Tuesday of each month
183	Meridian	16	Earlville	L. S. Thorsen	A. D. Ornuin	First and third Wednesdays of each month
505	Meridian Sun	11	Holcomb	F. E. Sheaff	C. E. Oakes	Saturday on or before full moon
283	Meteor	11	Sandwich	C. L. Stinson	Chas. C. Wheeler	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
91	Metropolis	50	Metropolis	E. G. Whyers, Jr.	Wm. T. Liggett	First and third Mondays of each month
860	Metropolitan	6	Chicago	Luke Nettleton 812 S. Karlov Ave.	Albert J. Struebing. 543 S. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Park	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
595	Miles Hart	38	Gays	E. C. Harrison	A. J. Sanders	Wednesday on or before full moon
168	Milford	18	Milford	H. W. McCulloch	C. M. Slife	First and third Thursdays of each month
345	Milledgeville	10	Milledgeville	Fay O. Wolfe	Ray Sam'l Freas	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
275	Milton	32	Milton	F. M. Lindsey	C. G. Wilson	Saturday before each full moon
273	Miners	10	Galena	Forrest H. Turner	James P. Scott	First and third Fridays of each month
528	Minooka	17	Minooka	Chas. H. Parmenter	John W. Holt	First and third Thursdays of each month
385	Mississippi	10	Savannah	W. S. Wallace.	C. M. Walter	First and third Thursdays of each month
85	Mitchell	45	Pinckneyville	S. Walter Reynolds.	Oscar H. Schulze	Second Monday of each month
410	Mithra	2	Chicago	Max Nellert. 3715 Sheffield Ave.	Chas. Wetterling. 3114 N. Ashland Ave.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
768	Mizpah	5	Chicago	Edward J. Forner. 1652 W. Marqu'tte Rd.	Ernest E. Stamp. 7244 S. Carpenter St.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
925	Molenna	42	Goldengate	R. W. Davis	L. D. Leach	First and third Tuesdays of each month

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481	Momence	18	Momence	Frank E. Lane.	Floyd C. Tallmadge.	First and third Thursdays of each month
522	Monitor	12	Elgin	Willard H. Seeley... 875 Larkin Ave.	Geo. Wm. Hinsdell.. 141 Tennyson Court.	Second and third Thursdays of each month
37	Monmouth	22	Monmouth	David D. Dunkle.	Fred A. Norris.	First and third Thursdays of each month
734	Morning Star	23	Canton	H. W. Greer.. 212 W. Locust St.	J. F. Strickler. 353 North 1st Ave.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
787	Morris	44	Waterloo	Corry M. Fike	C. H. Koenigsmark..	Third Saturday of each month
681	Morrisonville	37	Morrisonville	John M. Becker.	Chas. Rittger.	First Thursday of each month
122	Mound	37	Taylorville	Harry M. Johnson...	Arthur J. Rucker.	First Tuesday of each month
180	Moweaqua	37	Moweaqua	Chas. E. Colbert.	Wm. K. Andrews.	Second Thursday of each month
656	Mozart	26	Bloomington	Peter F. Hoierman.. P. O. Dept.	H. C. Rodenhanser.. Peoples Bank Bldg.	Fourth Wednesday of each month
239	Mt. Carmel	46	Mt. Carmel	Christian E. Launer	Luther S. Cochran..	First and third Tuesdays of each month
331	Mt. Erie	42	Mt. Erie	Paul Campbell.	E. Riggs	First and third Saturdays of each month
42	Mt. Joliet	17	Joliet	Fred E. Whallon.	Benj. J. Metzger. 821 Oneida St.	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
51	Mt. Moriah	36	Hillsboro	Walter R. McLean..	Jas. F. Greene.	First and third Thursdays of each month
76	Mt. Nebo	35	Carlinville	Sam'l W. David.	James M. Barcus.	First and third Thursdays of each month
87	Mt. Pulaski	25	Mt. Pulaski	C. M. Silkey	C. W. Upp	First Thursday of each month
31	Mt. Vernon	45	Mt. Vernon	Chas. U. Stull.	P. W. White.	First and third Mondays of each month
396	Muddy Point	38	Trilla	O. C. Brown.	Frank Hackley.	Tuesday on or before full moon
498	Murphysboro	48	Murphysboro	R. L. Hagler.	Walter J. Tiip.	First Monday
432	Murrayville	31	Murrayville..	J. H. Dial. Murrayville, Ill.	Earl W. Sorrells.	Thursday on or before full moon
795	Myrtle	1	Chicago	Martin Allexan. 4240 Irving P'k Blvd.	Wilson R. Young. 4048 N. Kenneth Ave.	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
758	Mystic Star	2	Chicago	Frank M. Bishop. 6734 Wentw'rth Ave.	John A. Snyder. 7152 Harvard Ave.	First and third Thursdays of each month
187	Mystic Tie	11	Polo	Chas. H. Johnson. Box 408	O. G. Owens.	First and third Thursdays of each month
346	N. D. Morse	31	Concord	G. F. Lewis.	P. R Leonard.	First and third Mondays of each month
806	Nebo	32	Nebo	Wm. Franklin.	S. W. Smith.	First Thursday of each month
279	Neoga	39	Neoga	T. W. Higgins.	Thos. E. Husband.	Third Thurdays of each month
803	Neponset	15	Neponset	B. E. Rollins.	F. H. Harlan.	First and third Thursdays of each month
59	New Boston	22	New Boston	H. O. Baner	Wm. Banguess.	First and third Fridays of each month
772	New Burnside	49	New Burnside	James T. Wise.	John M. Howerton.	Saturday on or before full moon
821	New Canton	32	New Canton	J. R. Easley	C. P. Gard	Saturday on or before full moon
336	New Columbia	49	Ganntown	Walden C. Cummins Reevesville, Ill.	Alfred Ridenhour.	Saturday on or before full moon
453	New Hartford	32	New Hartford	Louis J. Dober. Summer Hill, Ill.	I. N. Winans. Pittsfield, Ill.	Saturday on or before full moon
230	New Haven	47	New Haven	Massie C. Mitchell...	Joel H. Graddy	First and third Wednesdays of each month
741	New Holland	25	New Holland	John A. Pruett	Andrew T. Peters.	First Friday of each month

620	New Hope	39	Livingston	C. E. Shreve, Marshall, Ill.	Everett Black, R.R. 5, Marshall, Ill.	Wednesday on or before full moon
369	Newman	38	Newman	C. E. Douglas	Harry Baxter	First and third Fridays
218	New Salem	32	New Salem	Sam'l L. Griggs	C. T. Beatty, R.F.D., Griggsville, Ill.	Saturday on or before full moon
216	Newton	40	Newton	H. D. Yelvington	C. K. Ross	First and third Mondays
874	Nifong	35	Modesto	C. C. Coots	LeRoy H. Nifong	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
362	Noble	40	Noble	Fred H. Henry	Milton D. Price	Thursday on or before full moon
456	Nokomis	36	Nokomis	W. C. Hovey	Van Wm. Russell	Second Wednesday
673	Normal	26	Normal	Geo. Champion, 607 Broadway	Truman H. Keys	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
797	Normal Park	2	Chicago	Chas. W. Hibbard, 6926 Yale Ave.	Chas. H. Schultz, 7050 Normal Ave.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
937	North Shore	5	Chicago	Emil J. Merki, 1327 Early Ave., Edgewater	Morris E. Wolfe, 1633 Leland Ave.	Second and fourth Tuesday of each month
631	Norton	19	Cabery	R. C. Breneisa	Nelson Canham	First and third Thursdays of each month
169	Nunda	8	Crystal Lake	P. W. Rauhut	H. H. McCullum	First and third Saturdays of each month
219	Oakland	38	Oakland	E. N. Carter	J. W. Shepard	Friday on or before full moon
540	Oak Park	3	Oak Park	Buell B. Dutton, 110 Harlem Ave.	Geo. A. Stover, 710 S. Elmwood Ave.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
644	Oblong City	40	Oblong	R. M. Dalrymple	Earnest Dickey	First Saturday of each month
40	Occidental	16	Ottawa	Chas. E. Pettit, 125 Main St.	Edward F. Peck, R. F. D. No. 32	First and third Mondays of each month
390	Oconee	37	Oconee	L. C. Littlejohn	C. P. Diefenthaler	Wednesday on before full moon
401	Odell	19	Odell	Alf. W. Joerndt	Frank W. Brown	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
503	Odin	42	Odin	A. J. Farthing	A. F. Kile	First and third Tuesdays of each month
576	O'Fallon	44	A. B. Gordon	Guy Wakefield	Second Wednesday of each month	
754	Ogden	28	Ogden	Chas. E. Freeman	G. N. Freeman	Saturday on or before full moon
897	Ogden Park	7	Chicago	John A. Anderson, 6610 Laflin St.	Alfred W. Evans, 505 W. 65th Place	First and third Mondays of each month
814	Ohio	15	Ohio	H. A. Jackson	A. W. Shiplet	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
506	O. H. Miner	18	Iroquois	Chester Grays	F. T. Strickler, R.R. No. 2, Sheldon	First and third Saturdays of each month
975	Old Glory	4	Chicago	George H. Ralph, 316 S. Taylor Ave. Oak Park	John Cron Anderson 3825 W. Monroe St., Chicago	First and third Wednesdays of each month
38	Olive Branch	27	Danville	Jas. P. Sutton, 600 The Temple.	Arthur F. Johnston 31 S. Vermilion St.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
140	Olney	40	Olney	J. E. Glathart	Amos W. Doan	Third Monday of each month
864	Olympia	2	Chicago	Edgar O. Waldo, 5342 Calumet Ave.	Chas. E. Darrah, 7438 Langley Ave.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
723	Omaha	47	Omaha	Ben A. Bagby	H. P. Kinssall	Second and fourth Thursdays
305	Onarga	18	Onarga	Gaylord F. Clarke	Howard B. Stitt	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
337	Oneida	21	Oneida	C. V. Conyers	J. L. Nash	First and third Fridays of each month
123	Oquawka	22	Oquawka	Chas. W. Haffner	Chas. L. Brooks	Tuesday on or before full moon
687	Orangeville	9	Orangeville	M. W. Gouse	P. M. Rubendall, Cedarville, Ill.	First and third Thursdays of each month
420	Oregon	11	Oregon	Frank W. Gantz	Ralph W. Thorpe	First and third Wednesdays of each month

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759	Orel	42	Wayne City	John Koontz	W. B. Myers	First and third Wednesdays of each month
323	Orient	12	Lisbon	Lyell F. Morrison	Wm. Quigley R.F.D., Newark, Ill.	First Saturday of each month
33	Oriental	1	Chicago	Frank A. West 2121 N. Clark St.	Wm. A. Haggard 136 S. Western Ave.	First and third Fridays of each month
358	Orion	8	Union	W. C. Nulle	Frederic Bauer Huntley, Ill.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
367	Oxford	22	New Windsor	Wm. H. Veeder	Milton I. Robb	Tuesday on or before full moon
66	Pacific	21	Knoxville	C. T. Liken	A. H. Harms	First and third Thursdays of each month
765	Palace	3	Chicago Pullman	Wm. H. Annand 612 East 12th St., Chicago	Donald R. Bryant Pullman Tr. Sav'gs Bank, Pullman	Thursday of each week
314	Palatine	6	Palatine	C. DeWitt Taylor	Albert C. Mundhenk	First and third Saturdays of each month
849	Palestine	40	Palestine	J. G. Nelson	John Phipps	First and third Saturdays of each month
463	Palmyra	35	Palmyra	Fred L. Chiles	W. L. Smith	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
226	Pana	37	Pana	Louis W. Paul 2nd and Oak Sts.	Jas. Olinger 506 E. 2nd St.	First and third Thursdays of each month
977	Parian	6	Chicago	Robert A. Anderson 700 E. 67th St.	Chas. V. Connolly 6129 So. Park Ave.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
268	Paris	39	Paris	Fred E. Hilton	Charles F. Askin	First Thursday of each month
843	Park	1	Chicago	Albert W. Craig 2007 Estes Ave.	J. O. Newton 6723 N. Ashland, Ave.	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
509	Parkersburg	40	Parkersburg	Harry Griffin	F. E. Albin	Saturday on or before full moon
899	Park Manor	1	Chicago.	David S. Mellinger 6729 Langley Ave.	John S. McGregor 4423 Lowe Ave.	First and third Saturdays of each month
988	Park Ridge	1	Park Ridge	S. J. Walpole Box 265 Park Ridge	Oscar E. Brooks Edison Park, Ill.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
613	Patoka	42	Patoka	J. W. Delassus	T. B. Walker	First and third Mondays of each month
675	Pawnee	30	Pawnee	Chas. M. Hinkle	Alvin Underwood	Saturday on or before full moon
416	Paxton	19	Paxton	Ernest Swanson	Harry H. Marsh	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
379	Payson	33	Payson	Zenas V. McNutt	Jacob D. Blauser	Tuesday on or before full moon & 2 weeks after.
823	Pearl	9	Pearl City	O. Glen Hooker	F. M. Offenhiser	First and third Tuesdays of each month
29	Pekin	25	Pekin	F. W. Soady No. 9 North 4th St.	Walter F. Oster	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
15	Peoria	20	Peoria	W. J. Steube 927 Fifth Ave.	Frank E. Beebe 501 Oakland Ave.	Last Monday of each month
636	Peotone	17	Peotone	J. J. McMahon	A. H. Cowing	First and third Thursdays of each month
574	Pera	28	Ludlow	W. S. Watson	L. W. Hamilton	First, third, and fifth Tuesdays of each month
95	Perry	32	Perry	Harris Bradbury	C. M. Bradbury	Tuesday on or before full moon
973	Perseverance	2	Chicago	Geo. D. Prentiss 330 E. 22nd St.	Sherman S. Knox 4620 Indiana Ave.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
436	Philo	14	Port Byron	A. G. Brewster	David H. Schafer Hillsdale, Ill.	Wednesday on or before full moon

27	Piasa	43	Alton	W. B. Copley, 1224 Alton St.	Frank E. Harris, 921 Burns St.	First Tuesday of each month
608	Piper	19	Piper City	C. E. Gilpin	E. B. Funk	First and third Thursdays of each month
790	Pittsfield	32	Pittsfield	John R. Coulter	Albert B. Carey	Second Monday of each month
536	Plainfield	17	Plainfield	W. E. Hawkins	Fred S. Pratt	First and third Tuesdays of each month
461	Plainview	35	Plainview	Frank C. Dey	Albert Fuess, Gillespie, Ill.	Saturday on or before full moon
565	Pleasant Hill	32	Pleasant Hill	Bernard Riley	W. A. Windmiller	Fourth Saturday of each month
700	Pleasant Plains	30	Pleasant Plains	L. H. Irwin	Geo. P. Ferry	Wednesday on or before full moon
940	Pleasant View	32	Pearl	A. L. Miller	F. M. Thurmon	First and third Wednesdays of each month
478	Pleiades	1	Chicago	George McKenzie, 3122 W. 16th St.	Fred G. Waiss, 3159 W. Harrison St.	Thursday of each week
554	Plum River	10	Stockton	Jas. O. Fisher	Burton R. Tiffany	Thursday on or before full moon
286	Plymouth	24	Plymouth	Fred A. Worman	John P. Metzger	First and third Thursdays of each month
137	Polk	47	McLeansboro	Bert M. Echols	W. D. Sharp	First and third Thursdays of each month
294	Pontiac	19	Pontiac	Henry D. Wolff	Charles E. Myers	First and third Tuesdays of each month
782	Potomac	27	Potomac	J. C. Moss	David S. Cossairt	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
77	Prairie	39	Paris	Winston J. Griffin	Harry E. Leitch	First Tuesday of each month
578	Prairie City	41	Montrose	C. S. Printz	C. B. Hyett	Saturday on or before full moon
755	Preemption	22	Preemption	John Lowe, Milan, Ill.	Henry Hutchison, Milan, Ill.	Friday on or before full moon
587	Princeton	15	Princeton	James L. Norman	Wm. G. Hallam	First and third Tuesdays of each month
360	Princeville	20	Princeville	J. F. Carman	W. M. Hoag	Tuesday on or before full moon
954	Progressive	4	Chicago	Wm. C. Kater, 3402 Cortland St., Chicago	Frederick A. Gilbert 218 Washington Blvd., Oak Park	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
293	Prophetstown	13	Prophetstown	Theo. H. Taber	Geo. W. Murphy	First and third Tuesdays of each month
957	Prospect	7	Chicago	Frank W. Young, Downers Grove, Ill.	Joseph Winkler, 4046 W. 26th St.	First and third Thursdays of each month
711	Providence	2	Chicago	P. L. Gerlicher, 5512 Higgins Ave.	Paul A. Pabst, 5415 Giddings St.	First and third Saturdays of each month
958	Prudence	1	Chicago	Morris Marx, 1445 N. Maplewood Ave.	Nathaniel Schooler 1037 N. Robey St.	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
887	Pyramid	5	Hegewisch	Matthew Drinnan, 13209 Brandon Ave.	Fred W. Miller, 240 Detroit St., Hammond, Ind.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
296	Quincy	33	Quincy	Arthur C. Garrett, Box 135	Wilber E. Hafner, 1028 Hamphire St.	First and third Fridays of each month
972	Rainbow	1	Chicago	Albert B. Allshouse, 7712 Carpenter St.	Rob't R. Pegram, 5820 Sangamon St.	First and third Fridays of each month
128	Raleigh	47	Raleigh	Will Gore	R. C. Burnett	Saturday on or before full moon
405	Ramsey	41	Ramsey	B. F. Mattes	F. M. Stoddard	Tuesday on or before full moon
725	Rankin	27	Rankin	Chas. R. Hill	Chas. McHaley	First and third Mondays of each month
470	Rantoul	28	Rantoul	F. M. Avey	Roy J. Roughton	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
727	Raritan	22	Raritan	E. E. Perrine, Raritan, Ill.	Jess Tilly, Roseville, Ill.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
303	Raven	12	Oswego	Lewis P. Voss	Robert Peterson	First and third Mondays of each month
777	Ravenswood	2	Chicago	Geo. N. Ackley, 1755 Montrose Ave.	Jas. B. Baylie, 6971 Ridge Ave.	Second and fourth Mondays in each month
692	Raymond	36	Raymond	H. J. Henderson	Clarice McNaughton	First and third Tuesdays of each month

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427	Red Bud	44	Red Bud	Fred D. Guker	George G. Guker	Saturday on or before full moon
914	Republic	1	Chicago	Ernest L. Kreamer. Tribune Bldg.	Clar'ce W. Edwards 31 N. State St.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
419	Reynoldsburg	49	Tunnel Hill	Thos. H. Taylor	J. C. Cavett	Wednesday on or before full moon
948	R. F. Casey	42	Kell	R. E. McNeilly	O. V. Cummins	First and third Thursdays of each month
697	Richard Cole	1	Chicago	Bernard Remmer... 5158 Union Ave.	David Martin 7247 Lafayette Ave.	First and third Thursdays of each month
143	Richmond	8	Richmond	Jas. T. Bower	Fred Arp	First and third Mondays of each month
632	Ridge Farm	27	Ridge Farm	F. M. Hole	Wm. H. Hornada	First and third Fridays of each month
816	Ridgway	47	Ridgway	S. M. Combs	A. E. Bean	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
685	Rio	21	Rio	C. E. Frankenburg'r	Edward J. Tye	Wednesday on or before full moon
115	Rising Sun	8	Grayslake	Harry O. Rich	Chas. J. Wightman	First and third Saturdays of each month
862	Riverside	7	Riverside	Earl C. Hey Riverside, Ill.	Jno. P. Hobbs 234 S. LaSalle St., Chicago	First and third Thursdays of each month
786	Riverton Union	30	Riverton	Howard H. Grubb	Emory Edwards	Thursday on or before full moon
113	Robert Burns	22	Keithsburg	J. H. Madden	Ed. L. Wickett	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
250	Robinson	40	Robinson	E. E. Core	Peter J. C. Schwartz	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
247	Rob Morris	20	Minonk	Winfield S. Morrison	Sam'l A. Roberts	First and third Wednesdays of each month
635	Rochester	30	Rochester	C. E. Nickols	Chas. W. Frame	Wednesday on or before full moon
936	Rock Falls	13	Rock Falls	J. G. Limerick	Clyde C. Kadel	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
102	Rockford	9	Rockford	Gavin Harvey 1131 Revell Ave.	John T. Buckbee 1405 Kiwankee Ave.	First and third Thursdays of each month
658	Rock Island	14	Rock Island	Holland S. Bollman. 802 43rd St.	Rob't C. Mitchell 1828 Third Ave.	First Friday of each month
830	Rockport	32	Rockport	W. A. Martin	C. N. Haines	First and third Fridays of each month
612	Rock River	13	Sterling	Elijah K. Jenkins.	Herman F. Priebe	First and third Fridays of each month
74	Rockton	9	Rockton	B. B. Hill	A. V. Hill	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
721	Rome	45	Dix	Gust Gerber	J. R. Walker	First and third Tuesdays of each month
75	Roscoe	9	Roscoe	E. H. Wilson	O. C. Young	Tuesday on or before full moon
519	Roseville	22	Roseville	John Conlon	H. E. Lance	First and third Fridays of each month
527	Rossville	27	Rossville	Sam'l W. McGuire	Thos. C. Stifler	First and third Tuesdays of each month
807	Royal	45	Macedonia	W. N. Sullivan	J. E. Marquis	Saturday on or before full moon
9	Rushville	24	Rushville	William E. Gragg	Abner C. Rowland	First Tuesday of each month
154	Russell	27	Georgetown	Frank H. Cook	James F. Reid	First and third Tuesdays of each month
477	Rutland	16	Rutland	C. L. Foucht	Cornelius Winans	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
339	Saline	49	Goreville	A. L. Grace	Jas. C. Travillion	Saturday on or before full moon
96	Samuel H. Davis	11	Mt. Morris	J. G. Miller	F. L. Watts	First and third Mondays of each month
932	Sandoval	42	Sandoval	Frank W. Reinhardt	Charles Allison	First and third Wednesdays of each month
801	Sangamon	28	Fisher	R. A. Sturgeon	Oscar York	First and third Mondays of each month
645	San Jose	31	San Jose	John L. Eyrse	Edgar Woll	First and third Thursdays of each month
738	Saunemin	19	Saunemin	W. A. Cording	Bruce Wrey	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month

335	Schiller	20	Peoria	John Denzler, 900 Monson St.	Gustav A. Schmid, 1413 W. Monroe St.	Fourth Friday of each month
79	Scott	43	Carlyle	E. E. Sadler	H. O. Jones	First Monday of each month
743	Scott Land	39	Scottland	S. L. Osborn	S. J. Kegley	First and third Saturdays of each month
426	Scottville	35	Scottville	James A. Walker	L. E. Followell	Saturday on or before full moon
447	S. D. Monroe	46	Birds	Palmer Wampler, R.R. No. 1, Birds, Ill.	R. M. Montgomery	First Friday of each month
532	Seneca	16	Seneca	C. J. Everhart	F. H. Whittaker	First and third Fridays of each month
918	Sesser	45	Sesser	R. A. Gulley	C. A. McBride	Tuesday on or before full moon
827	Sequoit	8	Antioch	Frank B. Huber	Elmer E. Brook	First and third Wednesdays of each month
374	Shabbona	11	Shabbona	George Lovering	James Kirby	First and third Tuesdays of each month
490	Shannon	10	Shannon	Chas. Shore	H. W. Miller	First and third Mondays of each month
550	Sharon	15	Tiskilwa	Aaron B. Blake	Ernest H. Reynolds	First and third Fridays of each month
200	Sheba	46	Grayville	W. O. Pope	S. A. Helck	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
241	Shekinah	48	Carbondale	H. C. Mertz	Earnest Bonham	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
609	Sheldon	18	Sheldon	Rob't H. Mason	Fred W. Kee	First and third Tuesdays of each month
735	Sheridan	16	Sheridan	L. A. Beardsley	Geo. E. Haas, Serena, Ill.	First Monday of each month
535	Sherman	14	Orion	C. R. Hanna	A. E. Fehlman	Wednesday on or before full moon
397	Shiloh	16	Troy Grove	Albert Krausse	Chas. B. Willshay, R. R. No. 34	Thursday on or before full moon
695	Shiloh Hill	48	Campbell Hill	W. P. Carruthers	H. F. Dudenbostel	Saturday on or before full moon
212	Shipman	35	Shipman	L. D. Smith	J. C. Frank	Monday on or before full moon
582	Shirley	26	Shirley	O. V. Douglass	L. K. Anthony	Saturday on or before full moon
761	Sibley	19	Sibley	E. T. Johnston	Andrew J. Cosner	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
798	Sidell	27	Sidell	J. A. Seybold	J. C. McDowell	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
347	Sidney	28	Sidney	Roy Youngblood	W. M. Hanson	Thursday on or before full moon
780	Siloam	4	Chicago	Edward H. Cass, 2927 Adams St.	John W. Christie, 3916 Monroe St.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
898	Silvis	14	Silvis	Edward M. Eaton	Jesse E. Ray	First Monday of each month
982	Sincerity	2	Chicago	Wm. F. Lipps, 2180 Wilson Ave.	E. B. Zahn, 2653 Mildred Ave.	First and third Fridays of each month
805	S. M. Dalzell	15	Spring Valley	Wm. Harman	R. H. Smith	First and third Tuesdays of each month
646	Somonauk	11	Somonauk	H. F. Hess	Warren Hubbard	First and third Mondays of each month
861	Sorento	36	Sorento	H. Laroy Childres	Norreden Cowen	Monday on or before full moon
968	South Gate	6	Chicago	Thos. O. Watson, 6555 S. Green St.	Wm. White, 6542 S. Sangamon St.	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
467	South Macon	29	Macon	J. I. Lebo	Wm. Schuyler	Tuesday on or before full moon
662	South Park	3	Chicago	John E. Behrer, 6125 Blackst'ne Ave.	Abner Bernard, 1615 E. 55th St.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
441	Sparland	15	Sparland	F. H. Gehr	T. Van Antwerp	First and third Wednesdays of each month
4	Springfield	30	Springfield	John L. Clifford, 804 N. 9th St.	Benj. H. Rich, 225 S. State St.	First Monday of each month
978	Square	7	Chicago	Chas. L. Schmidt, 6848 Ashland Ave.	Edw'rd B. Kirkbride, 1542 W. 61st St.	First and third Fridays of each month
873	Standard	5	Chicago	John W. Johnson, 913,22 E. Washington St.	Franklin L. Myers, 3704 N. Keeler Ave.	First and third Saturdays of each month
863	St. Andrews	1	Chicago	G. Frank Kohl, 1128 Fry St.	John Cameron, 6027 Drexel Ave.	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
709	Star	27	Hoopeston	C. E. Mitchell	Roy Bowen	Second and fourth Mondays of each month

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166	Star in the East	9	Rockford	Erle P. Daniel. 218 S. Main St.	Oscar M. Brown. 1316 National Ave.	First and third Fridays of each month. Saturday on or before full moon
501	Stark	21	LaFayette	J. H. White	Abel H. White	
177	Staunton	35	Staunton	Cornelius Godfrey	J. Steward Clarke	Second Tuesday of each month
865	St. Cecilia	3	Chicago	Harry H. Milnor. 516 N. Laramie Ave.	Herman A. Rimp'er 7027 Eberhart Ave.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
24	St. Clair	44	Belleville	Louis E. Wangelin	Robert F. L. Mohr	First Monday of each month
769	St. Elmo	41	St. Elmo	Thos. A. Birdsell	E. M. Durland	First Tuesday of each month
912	Stellar	46	St. Francisville	W. J. Daily	G. C. Pritchett	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
979	Stephen Decatur	29	Decatur	Chas. A. Imboden. % Milliken Nat'l B'k	Le Roy E Crapp. Decatur Bridge Co.	Second Wednesday of each month
541	Stewardson	37	Stewardson	Harry W. Belles	R. E. Voris	Wednesday on or before full moon
92	Stewart	14	Geneseo	B. Lacher	Geo. L. Wood	Second Friday of each month
13	St. Johns	16	Peru	Frederick E. Hoberg Masonic Temple	Hobert C. Holewood	First and third Thursdays of each month
970	St. Joseph	28	St. Joseph	L. L. Hall	W. C. Peters	Third Friday of each month
63	St. Mark's	8	Woodstock	Walter T. Wheeler. 129 North St.	Charles H. Buckley.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
953	Stone Arch	49	Cypress	J. F. Karraker	Harry Sturman	Monday on or before full moon
495	Stone Fort	47	Stonefort	Roy W. Allen	Chas. E. Simmons	Fourth Monday
500	St. Paul	30	Springfield	Jay T. French. Care P. O. Dept.	B. Frank Nelch. 1613 S. Fifth St.	Fourth Monday of each month
408	Stratton	39	Vermilion	A. O. Raines	S. I. Youngen	Saturday on or before full moon
607	Streator	16	Streator	Abner G. Rich. 421 E. Main St.	Chas. A. Porter. 318 S. Monroe St.	First, third, and fifth Wednesdays of each month
847	Stronghurst	22	Stronghurst	Geo. T. Chant	W C. Regan	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
349	Sublette	13	Sublette	G. N. Paige	Edward Wolf. R. F. D. No. 1	First and third Tuesdays
761	Sullivan	38	Sullivan	Joe B. Michael	L. M. Craig	Wednesday on or before full moon
342	Summerfield	44	Summerfield	G. H. Poos	Oliver C. Joseph	First Saturday of each month
431	Summit	29	Harristown	M. C. Stookey	Lewis R Parish. R. R. No. 2, Decatur	Saturday on or before full moon
334	Sumner	46	Sumner	Geo. R. Stout	Ben. F. Hockman	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
428	Sunbeam	12	Plano	W. H. Parker. Box 275	L. A. Paradise	First and third Fridays of each month
134	Sycamore	11	Sycamore	O. P. Herrick	D. R. Langhorn	Third Friday of each month
939	Table Grove	23	Table Grove	Thos. J. Cassidy	Frank B. Willis	Wednesday on or before full moon
794	Tadmor	50	Karbers Ridge	J. H. Shipp	F. C. Karber	Wednesday on or before full moon
207	Tamaroa	45	Tamaroa	Wm. J. Appel	Herbert E. Doolittle	Friday on or before full moon
351	Tarbolton	19	Fairbury	Harry B. Bull	E. W. Powers	First and third Thursdays of each month
98	Taylor	25	Washington	R. W. Miller	Chas. F. Nash	Third Friday of each month
16	Temperance	41	Vandalia	E. F. Stapp	W. E. Rose	Third Monday of each month
46	Temple	20	Peoria	Albert L. Gregory. 913 Fifth Ave.	Udell N. Clark. 706 Col'mbia Terrall	Last Wednesday of each month

701	Temple Hill	50	Temple Hill	W. A. Yates	E. S. Yates	Saturday on or after full moon
559	Thomson	10	Thomson	Roy I. Houghton	Ivan V. Lewis	First and third Tuesdays of each month
409	Thos. J. Turner	1	Chicago	Wm. Tinsley, 618 Wrightwood Ave.	Edward W. Aplin, 333 S. Clark St.	First and third Thursdays of each month
569	Time	32	Time	Brady Sonner	L. L. Cunningham	Saturday before full moon
307	T. J. Pickett	23	Bushnell	O. M. Shaw, 222 E. Hurst St.	E. F. Klein	First Friday of each month
834	Toledo	39	Toledo	W. C. Reeves	O. L. Smith	First and third Mondays of each month
391	Tolono	28	Tolono	Justin P. Crawford	Wilson P. Jones	First and third Tuesdays of each month
364	Tonica	16	Tonica	Geo. A. McFerson	Edw'd F. Showback	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
93	Toulon	21	Toulon	W. F. Young	G. C. Platt	Fourth Thursday in each month
542	Towanda	26	Towanda	Burditt C. Kraft	John E. Skinner	First and third Fridays of each month
493	Tower Hill	37	Tower Hill	John Warren	O. C. Maze	First Tuesday of each month
810	Tracy	5	Chicago	G. W. Cummings, 9622 Vanderpoel Ave	Earl Chas. Judd, 9334 Pleasant Ave.	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
462	Tremont	43	Tremont	Daniel Johnson	Geo. O Smith	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
109	Trenton	43	Trenton	H. A. Eisenmayer	Wm. A. Carter	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
767	Triluminar	4	Chicago	Wm. W. M. Bending, 9139 Commercial Av.	Virgil L. DeWitt, 10306 Hoxie Ave.	First, third and fifth Fridays of each month
562	Trinity	50	Mound City	E. P. Easterday	E. T. Snyder	First and third Thursdays of each month
57	Trio	14	Rock Island	Clifford L. Hubbard	Frank L. Patterson	First Thursday of each month
835	Triple	43	Granite City	James Kerr, Venice, Ill.	Wm. E. Johnson, 2258 B. St.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
981	Trowel	1	Chicago	V. W. Reed, 4254 Potomac Ave.	Frank Hoffman, 5160 Lovejoy Ave.	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
588	Troy	43	Troy	H. A. Canedy	F. S. Edwards	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
630	Tuscan	47	Walpole	Dallas Douglass	G. W. Burnett, R. R. No. 3, Galatia	Thursday on or before full moon
332	Tuscola	38	Tuscola	R. J. N. Johnson	Myron E Bigelow	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
333	Tyrian	30	Springfield	Asa G. Trees, Gaeity Bldg.	D. H. Montgomery, 1117 S College St.	Third Monday of each month
627	Union	49	Lickcreek	Geo. M. Hankla, Cobden	Riley M Damron, Wayside, Ill.	Saturday on or before full moon
610	Union Park	5	Chicago	Harry W. Peterson, 817 S. Clinton Ave., Oak Park	Edward J. Hunt, 722 N. Laramie Ave.	First and third Mondays of each month
48	Unity	12	St. Charles	Carl H. Olson	Carroll W. Norris	First and third Mondays of each month
985	Universal	5	Chicago	Patrick C. Hart, 6655 Hartwell Ave.	Jas. S. M. Wylie, 159 N. State St.	First and third Mondays of each month
157	Urbana	28	Urbana	Benjamin Bing	John W. Herrigan	First and third Tuesdays of each month
858	Utica	16	Utica	Abe Sumberg	Pardon K. Leland	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
894	Utopia	4	Chicago	S. Birch Gourley, 9036 Cottage Gr've Av.	Edward Cohn, 6617 Ingleside Ave.	First, third and fifth Fridays of each month
547	Valley	14	Coal Valley	Robert Jas. Bailey	Jas. F. Spargo	Friday on or before full moon
762	VanMeter	30	Athens	Elmer L. Primm	Geo. C. Whitney	Wednesday on or before full moon
962	Veritas	2	Chicago	Wm. O. Holton, 6035 Michigan Ave.	Clarence C. Komp, 1917 Milwaukee Ave.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
265	Vermilion	27	Indianola	Bert Dickson	Clyde A. Baldwin	First and third Saturdays of each month
116	Vermont	23	Vermont	F. E. Bayless	H. C. Musgrove	First Saturday of each month
757	Verona	17	Verona	W. A. Small	F. B. Young	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
108	Versailles	32	Versailles	E. E. Perry	J. F. Nilson	First and third Fridays
584	Vesper	21	Galesburg	Clyde N. Bandy	A. G. Smith	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month

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150	Vienna	49	Vienna	Lucas Parker	Robert A. McCall	Tuesday on or before full moon
885	Villa Grove	38	Villa Grove	G. L. Kennedy	John C. Hess	First and third Tuesdays of each month
577	Viola	22	Viola	Wm. T. Bailey	Grover Harrison	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
161	Virden	35	Virden	C. H. Post	E. G. Mottey	Wednesday on or before full moon
544	Virginia	31	Virginia	Elijah Needham	Lawrence B. Gaines	First and third Fridays of each month
81	Vitruvius	2	Wheeling	Chas S Cole Box 44, R.F.D. No. 1 Greenview, Ill.	W A. Beaver 5033 Catalpa Ave., Chicago	Saturday on or before full moon
175	Wabash	38	Etna	E. T. Allen	S. J. Curry	Friday on or before full moon
512	Wade-Barney	26	Bloomington	J. H. Allen Court House	Robert H. Carson	First and third Thursdays of each month
616	Wadley	31	Franklin	H. M. Tulpin	Chas. E. Cussins	First and third Wednesdays of each month
674	Waldeck	5	Chicago	Wm. Dudenbostel 6030 Prairie Ave.	Robert Knabe 8256 Emerald Ave.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
722	Walnut	15	Walnut	B. F. Oakford	John F. Winger	Thursday on or before full moon
475	Walshville	36	Walshville	E. L. Shields	Able F. Minor R. R. 2, Litchfield	First and third Wednesdays of each month
384	Waltham	16	Waltham	Wm. N. Mitchell Troy Grove, Ill.	R. G. Anderson Utica Ill.	Monday on or before full moon
14	Warren	47	Shawneetown	J. W. Millspaugh	Victor McMurchy	First Tuesday of each month
959	Warrensburg	29	Warrensburg	J. M. Eyman	Victor Dewein	Third Friday of each month
257	Warsaw	24	Warsaw	Wm. G. Fenor Box 172	Earl A. Wallace	Third Tuesday of each month
421	Washburn	20	Washburn	Geo. H. Wineteer Box 55	Sam'l J. Liable	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
55	Washington	45	Nashville	L. T. Phillips	T. P. Carter	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
956	Washingt'n Park	6	Chicago	Sam'l A. Brunwasser 6141 Evans Ave.	Nathan Bernhardt 5357 Calumet Ave.	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
291	Wataga	21	Wataga	C. W. Merrill	E. P. Robson	First and third Wednesdays of each month
728	Waterman	11	Waterman	H. E. Davis	W. T. Wiltberger	First and third Thursdays of each month
446	Watseka	18	Watseka	Thos. B. Brennan	Claude A. Payne	First and third Wednesdays of each month
602	Watson	41	Watson	J. W. Cloar	A. Smith	Saturday on or before full moon
160	Waubansia	4	Chicago	H. E. VanLoon 2237 W. Monroe St.	Milton Rich 516 E. 50th St.	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
298	Wauconda	8	Wauconda	R. C. Kent	J. M. Fuller	First and third Thursdays of each month
78	Waukegan	8	Waukegan	T. Arthur Simpson	Edward J. Yoeman 422 Utica St.	First and third Mondays of each month
118	Waverly	31	Waverly	W. A. Jones	Lewis W. Walker	First and third Fridays of each month
172	Wayne	29	Waynesville	J. E. Marvel	Chas. R. Sanderson	First and third Saturdays of each month October first to April first and Saturday on or before full moon from April first to October first.
916	Welcome	3	Chicago	James B. Child 6354 S. Carpenter St.	Joseph W. Finch 209 S. LaSalle St.	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
991	Welfare	3	Chicago	John T. Bloomburg 1417 Olive Ave.	Joseph Hopp 454 Wrightwood Ave	Every Tuesday
746	Weldon	29	Weldon	Wm. J. Schwehm	E. C. Crossen	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
344	Wenona	15	Wenona	C. E. Haynes	Wm. Moffett	First and third Tuesdays of each month
240	Western Star	28	Champaign	Ottie F. Miller 502 S. Elm St.	Frank R. Smedley 1st Nat'l Bank Bldg.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month

866	West Salem	46	West Salem	Carl H. Matthes	Stuart L. Walser	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
269	Wheaton	12	Wheaton	Arthur Inman	John F. Butler	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
883	Wheeler	40	Wheeler	Henry E. Miller	Wm. E. Gillson	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
80	White Hall	34	White Hall	Robert Dickson	Elmer E. Griswold R. F. D.	Thursday on or before full moon
802	Williamson	48	Carterville	Ed. N. Lindsey	C. A. Bundy	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
931	Wilmette	4	Wilmette	Chas. C. Schultz 240 Wood Court	Jas. N. Macalister 918 Ashland Ave.	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
208	Wilmington	17	Wilmington	A. S. Hadsall	Wm. H. Sharp	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
105	Winchester	34	Winchester	Earl C. Nelson	John A. McKeene	First and third Mondays of each month
322	Windsor	37	Windsor	Benj. F. Goddard	Robert W. Turner	Tuesday on or before full moon and 2 wks after
836	Windsor Park	4	Chicago	Arthur J. Biddle 7624 Marquette Ave.	Howard H. Fairbarn 6639 Greenwood Ave	Second and fourth Mondays
745	Winnebago	9	Winnebago	H. J. Waterstreet	Maurice C, Isbell	First and third Thursdays of each month
564	Winslow	9	Winslow	Sam'l Sinclair	Rollo H. Stites	Second Monday of each month
209	Wm. B. Warren	6	Chicago	Geo. R. Lundy 2527 Clara Place	Halbert R. Bradley. Security Bldg.	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
306	Wm. C. Hobbs	20	Eureka	Judd H. Leys	Egon Dierkes	First Tuesday
876	Wm. McKinley	7	Chicago	Frank E. Lawrence. 2136 N. Hamlin Ave.	Hugh W. Logsdon 5362 W. Madison St.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
502	Woodhull	14	Woodhull	Amos A. Mackey	Gilbert D. Drennan.	Friday on or before full moon
841	Woodlawn Park	6	Chicago	Harlan S. Sylvester. 6449 Minerva Ave.	Jas. P. Becket 6211 University Ave.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
779	Wright's Grove	3	Chicago	Wm. O. Dicus 3115 N. Halsted St.	Henry B. Spurlock 5 N. LaSalle St.	First and third Thursdays of each month
231	Wyanet	15	Wyanet	B. L. Hudson	Jas. D. Trumbauer	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
479	Wyoming	21	Wyoming	Geo. F. Earhart	Harry E. Rakestraw	Second Thursday
485	Xenia	42	Xenia	Alex S. Jessup Box 214	Ralph W. Jessup	First and third Thursdays
448	Yates City	21	Yates City	E. J. H. North	H. E. North	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
313	York	39	West Union	W. H. Marvin	L. A. Burnsides	First and third Tuesdays of each month
655	Yorktown	13	Tampico	Jesse Van Bibber	Chas. S. Smith	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
997	Integrity	2	Chicago	Edward J. Hartwick 1509 Addison St.	Phillips C. Vaughan 3618 Greenview Ave.	First and second Wednesdays of each month
995	Lawndale	7	Chicago	Joseph Z. Klenha 5104 W. 23rd Place, Cicero, Ill.	Joseph T. Mlnarik 2312 S. Clifton Park Ave.	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
993	Leyden	5	Franklin Park	Henry G. Kirchoff Franklin Park, Ill.	Bellett Lawson, Jr. River Grove, Ill.	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
999	Morgan Park	4	Chicago	Jas. D. Garrett 11021 Church St.	Andr'w O. Novander 11150 S. Hoyne Ave.	First and third Fridays of each month
992	Niagra	4	Chicago	Bernard Barnard 10 S. LaSalle St.	Ralph Boyd 7546 Eggleston Ave.	Every Thursday of each month
998	Paul Revere	3	Chicago	Fred W. Bainbridge 1132-72 W. Adams St.	Francis E. Baldwin. 4538 Sheridan Road	First and third Thursdays of each month
1002	Portage Park	6	Chicago	O. F. H. von Werder 4041 N. Lawler Ave.	Geo. W. Roarty 3909 Bernard St.	First and third Wednesdays of each month
996	Sunrise	1	Chicago	Joseph F. Brown 4556 N. Paulina St.	John S. McCurdy 505 N. Leamington Ave., Austin	First and third Mondays of each month
994	True Blue	6	Chicago	Henry E. Schoeneck 321 S. Sacramento St.	Wm. Irving Shuman 130 N. 5th Ave., Ch'go	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
1001	Wayfarers	5	Evanston	Carl M. Cooley 1015 Church St.	Geo. F. Tyson 845 Chicago Ave.	Each Wednesday of each month
1000	Baylis	32	Baylis	W. W. Hooper	W. R. Wilson Barry, Ill.	Monday, on or before full moon

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GIVING NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE LOCATED AT EACH.

POSTOFFICE.	NAME.	NO.	CHARTERED.
Abingdon	Abingdon	185	Oct. 3, 1855
Albany	Albany	566	Oct. 1, 1867
Albion	Hermitage	356	Oct. 3, 1860
Aledo	Aledo	252	Oct. 7, 1857
Alexis	Alexandria	702	Oct. 8, 1873
Algonquin	Algonquin	960	Oct. 15, 1913
Allendale	Allendale	752	Oct. 4, 1877
Allen Springs	Gurney	778	
Alta	Alta	748	Oct. 3, 1876
Altamont	Altamont	533	Oct. 1, 1867
Alton	Franklin	25	——1837
Alton	Piasa	27	Oct. 9, 1844
Altona	Altona	330	Oct. 3, 1860
Alto Pass	Alto Pass	840	Oct. 2 1895
Amboy	Illinois Central	178	Oct. 3, 1855
Andalusia	Andalusia	516	Oct 1, 1867
Anna	Anna	520	Oct. 1, 1867
Antioch	Sequoit	827	Oct. 4, 1893
Apple River	Apple River	859	Oct. 1, 1901
Arcola	Arcola	366	Oct. 1, 1861
Argenta	Argenta	871	Oct. 7, 1903
Arlington	Levi Lusk	270	Oct. 6, 1858
Aroma Park	Aroma	378	Oct. 8, 1863
Arrowsmith	Arrowsmith	737	Oct. 3, 1876
Arthur	Arthur	825	Oct. 4, 1893
Ashland	Ashland	929	Oct. 10 1911
Ashley	Clay	153	Oct. 3, 1854
Ashmore	Ashmore	390	Oct. 5, 1863
Ashton	Ashton	531	Oct. 1, 1867
Assumption	Bromwell	451	Oct. 4, 1865
Astoria	Astoria	100	Oct. 6, 1851
Athens	Van Meter	763	Oct. 4, 1882
Atkinson	Atkinson	433	Oct. 4, 1865
Atlanta	Atlanta	165	Oct. 3, 1854
Atwood	Atwood	651	Oct, 4, 1870
Auburn	Ark & Anchor	354	Oct. 3, 1860
Augusta	J. L. Anderson	318	Oct. 5, 1859
Aurora	Jerusalem Temp.	90	Oct. 8, 1850
Aurora	Aurora	254	Oct. 7, 1857
Ava	Dean	833	Oct. 3, 1894
Avon	Avon Harmony	253	Oct. 7, 1857
Bardolph	Bardolph	572	Oct. 1, 1867
Barrington	Lounsbury	751	Oct. 4, 1877
Barry	Barry	34	Oct. 8, 1845
Basco	Basco	618	Oct. 5, 1869
Batavia	Batavia	404	Oct. 5, 1864
Baylis	Baylis	1000	Oct. 11, 1916
Beardstown	Cass	23	Oct. 4, 1843
Beecher City	Beecher City	665	Oct. 3, 1871
Belknap	Belknap	822	Oct. 5, 1892
Belle Rive	Belle Rive	696	Oct. 1, 1872
Belleville	St. Clair	24	Dec.14, 1843
Bellflower	Bellflower	911	Oct. 13, 1909
Belvidere	Belvidere	60	Oct. 4, 1848
Bement	Bement	365	Oct. 1, 1861
Benton	Benton	64	Oct. 5, 1848
Berwyn	Berwyn	839	Oct. 2, 1895
Bethalto	Bethalto	406	Oct. 5, 1864
Bethany	Bethany	884	Oct. 3. 1906
Birds	S. D. Monroe	447	Oct. 4, 1865
Blandinsville	Blandinsville	233	Oct. 7, 1857
Bloomington	Bloomington	43	Oct. 6, 1847
Bloomington	Wade-Barney	512	Oct. 3, 1866
Bloomington	Mozart	656	Oct. 4, 1870
Blue Island	Calumet	716	Oct. 7. 1874
Blue Mound	Blue Mound	682	Oct. 3 1871
Bluffs	Bluffs	846	Oct. 6, 1896
Bowen	Bowen	486	Oct. 3, 1866
Bradford	Bradford	514	Oct. 1, 1867
Braidwood	Braidwood	704	Oct. 8, 1873
Bridgeport	Bridgeport	386	Oct. 8, 1863
Brighton	Hibbard	249	Oct. 7, 1857
Broadlands	Broadlands	791	Oct. 15, 1913

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Brooklyn	LaMoine	1935	Oct. 10, 1911
Brookport	Farmers	232	Oct. 7, 1857
Broughton	Broughton	963	Oct. 15, 1913
Buckley	Buckley	634	Oct. 5, 1869
Buda	Buda	399	Oct. 5, 1864
Buffalo	Buffalo	945	Oct. 10, 1911
Buffalo Prairie	Buffalo Prairie	679	Oct. 3, 1871
Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill	151	Oct. 3, 1854
Burnside	Burnside	683	Oct. 1, 1872
Burnt Prairie	Burnt Prairie	668	Oct. 3, 1871
Bushnell	T. J. Pickett	307	Oct. 5, 1859
Byron	Byron	274	Oct. 6, 1858
Cabery	Norton	631	Oct. 5, 1869
Cairo	Cairo	237	Oct. 7, 1857
Camargo	Camargo	440	Oct. 4, 1865
Cambridge	Cambridge	49	Oct. 5, 1847
Camden	Camden	648	Oct. 4, 1870
Campbell Hill	Shiloh Hill	695	Oct. 1, 1872
Camp Point	Benjamin	297	Oct. 5, 1859
Canton	Morning Star	734	Oct. 5, 1875
Capron	Capron	575	Oct. 6, 1868
Carbondale	Shekinah	241	Oct. 7, 1857
Carlinville	Mt. Nebo	76	Dec. 4, 1849
Carlyle	Scott	79	Dec. 10, 1849
Carman	Carman	732	Oct. 5, 1875
Carmi	Carmi	272	Oct. 6, 1858
Carriers Mills	Blazing Star	458	Oct. 4, 1865
Carrollton	Carrollton	50	Oct. 5, 1847
Carterville	Williamson	802	Oct. 6, 1891
Carthage	Hancock	20	Oct. 3, 1843
Casey	Casey	442	Oct. 4, 1865
Catlin	Catlin	285	Oct. 7, 1858
Cave-in-Rock	Cave-in-Rock	444	Oct, 4, 1865
Centralia	Centralia	201	Oct. 7, 1856
Cerro Gordo	Cerro Gordo	600	Oct. 6, 1868
Chadwick	Chadwick	867	Oct. 8, 1902
Chambersburg	Chambersburg	373	Oct. 8, 1862
Champaign	Western Star	240	Oct. 7, 1857
Chandlerville	Chandlerville	724	Oct. 7, 1874
Channahon	Channahon	262	Oct. 6, 1858
Charleston	Charleston	35	Oct. 8, 1845
Chatham	Chatham	523	Oct. 1, 1867
Chatsworth	Chatsworth	539	Oct. 1, 1867
Chebanse	Chebanse	429	Oct. 4, 1865
Chenoa	Chenoa	292	Oct. 5, 1859
Cherry Valley	Cherry Valley	173	Oct. 3, 1855
Chester	Chester	72	Oct. 4, 1849
Chesterfield	Chesterfield	445	Oct. 4, 1865
Chicago	Aaron	913	Oct. 13, 1909
Chicago	Accordia	277	Oct. 6, 1858
Chicago	Albany Park	974	Oct. 14, 1914
Chicago	America	889	Oct. 3, 1906
Chicago	Ancient Craft	907	Oct. 7, 1908
Chicago	Apollo	642	Oct. 4, 1870
Chicago	Arcana	717	Oct. 7, 1874
Chicago	Ashlar	308	Oct. 5, 1859
Chicago (Auburn Park)	Auburn Park	789	Oct. 3, 1889
Chicago	Austin	850	Oct. 6, 1897
Chicago	Avondale	921	Oct. 12 1910
Chicago	Banner Blue	924	Oct. 12, 1910
Chicago (Norwood Park)	Beacon Light	784	Oct. 6, 1887
Chicago	Bee Hive	909	Oct. 7, 1908
Chicago	Ben Hur	818	Oct. 5, 1892
Chicago	Ben. Franklin	962	Oct. 15, 1913
Chicago	Blair	393	Oct. 8, 1863
Chicago	Blaney	271	Oct. 6, 1858
Chicago	Bohemia	943	Oct. 10, 1911
Chicago	Boulevard	882	Oct. 4, 1905
Chicago (Bright'n P'rk)	Brighton Park	854	Oct. 5, 1898
Chicago	Brotherhood	986	Oct. 13, 1914
Chicago	Candida	927	Oct. 12, 1910
Chicago	Carnation	900	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Chicago	437	Oct. 4, 1865
Chicago	Cleveland	211	Oct. 7, 1856
Chicago (Lawndale)	Columbian	819	Oct. 5, 1892
Chicago	Compass	922	Oct. 12, 1910
Chicago	Composite	879	Oct. 3, 1905
Chicago	Concord	917	Oct. 13, 1909
Chicago	Constantia	783	Oct. 6, 1887
Chicago	Constellation	892	Oct. 3, 1906

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Chicago	Cornerstone	875	Oct. 4, 1904
Chicago	Covenant	526	Oct. 1, 1867
Chicago	Crescent	895	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Cyrene	987	Oct. 13, 1915
Chicago	Damascus	888	Oct. 3, 1906
Chicago	D. C. Cregier	643	Oct. 4, 1870
Chicago	Dearborn	310	Oct. 5, 1859
Chicago	East Gate	923	Oct. 12, 1910
Chicago	Edgewater	901	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Emblem	984	Oct. 13, 1915
Chicago (Englewood)	Englewood	690	Oct. 1, 1872
Chicago	Equity	878	Oct. 3, 1905
Chicago	Exemplar	966	Oct. 15, 1913
Chicago	Federal	961	Oct. 15, 1913
Chicago	Fernwood Park	971	Oct. 14, 1914
Chicago (West Pullman)	Fides	842	Oct. 2, 1895
Chicago	Garden City	141	Oct. 2, 1854
Chicago	Garfield	686	Oct. 1, 1872
Chicago	Gil. W. Barnard	908	Oct. 7, 1908
Chicago	Germania	182	Oct. 3, 1855
Chicago	Golden Rule	726	Oct. 7, 1874
Chicago (G'nd Crossing)	Grand Crossing	776	Oct. 7, 1886
Chicago (So. Chicago)	Harbor	731	Oct. 5, 1875
Chicago	Herder	669	Oct. 3, 1871
Chicago	Hesperia	411	Oct. 5, 1864
Chicago	Home	508	Oct. 3, 1866
Chicago	Humboldt Park	813	Oct. 5, 1892
Chicago	Hyde Park	989	Oct. 13, 1915
Chicago	Integrity	997	Oct. 11, 1916
Chicago Jackson Park	JacksonPark	915	Oct. 13, 1909
Chicago	John B. Sherman	880	Oct. 4, 1905
Chicago	John C. Smith	944	Oct. 10, 1911
Chicago	Justice	949	Oct. 10, 1911
Chicago	Kenmore	947	Oct. 10, 1911
Chicago (Kensington)	Kensington	804	Oct. 6, 1891
Chicago	Kenwood	800	Oct. 6, 1891
Chicago	Keystone	639	Oct. 5, 1869
Chicago	Kilwinning	311	Oct. 5, 1859
Chicago	King Oscar	855	Oct. 5, 1898
Chicago	Kosmos	896	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Lakeside	739	Oct. 3, 1876
Chicago	Lake View	774	Oct. 8, 1884
Chicago	Landmark	422	Oct. 5, 1864
Chicago (Chicago Lawn)	Lawn	815	Oct. 5, 1892
Chicago	Lawndale	995	Oct. 11, 1916
Chicago	Lessing	557	Oct. 1, 1867
Chicago (Franklin Park)	Leyden	993	Oct. 11, 1916
Chicago	Lincoln Park	611	Oct. 5, 1869
Chicago	Logan Square	891	Oct. 3, 1906
Chicago	Maplewood	964	Oct. 15, 1913
Chicago	Melrose Abbey	976	Oct. 14, 1914
Chicago	Metropolitan	860	Oct. 1, 1901
Chicago	Mithra	410	Oct. 5, 1864
Chicago	Mizpah	768	Oct. 8, 1884
Chicago	Morgan Park	999	Oct. 11, 1916
Chicago (Irving Park)	Myrtle	795	Oct. 8, 1890
Chicago	Mystic Star	758	Oct. 3, 1878
Chicago	Niagara	992	Oct. 11, 1916
Chicago (Englewood)	Normal Park	797	Oct. 8, 1890
Chicago	North Shore	937	Oct. 10, 1911
Chicago	Ogden Park	897	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Old Glory	975	Oct. 14, 1914
Chicago	Olympia	864	Oct. 8, 1903
Chicago	Oriental	33	Oct. 9, 1845
Chicago (Pullman)	Palace	765	Oct. 3, 1883
Chicago	Parian	977	Oct. 14, 1914
Chicago (Rodgers Park)	Park	843	Oct. 6, 1896
Chicago	Park Manor	899	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Paul Revere	998	Oct. 11, 1916
Chicago	Perseverance	973	Oct. 14, 1914
Chicago	Pleiades	478	Oct. 3, 1866

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Chicago	Portage Park	1002	Oct. 11, 1916
Chicago	Progressive	954	Oct. 8, 1912
Chicago	Prospect	957	Oct. 8, 1912
Chicago (Jefferson)	Providence	711	Oct. 8, 1873
Chicago	Prudence	958	Oct. 15, 1913
Chicago	Pyramid	887	Oct. 3, 1906
Chicago	Rainbow	972	Oct. 14, 1914
Chicago (Ravenswood)	Ravenswood	777	Oct. 7, 1886
Chicago	Republic	914	Oct. 13, 1909
Chicago	Richard Cole	697	Oct. 1, 1872
Chicago	Siloam	780	Oct. 6, 1887
Chicago	Sincerity	982	Oct. 13, 1915
Chicago	South Gate	968	Oct. 14, 1914
Chicago	South Park	662	Oct. 3, 1871
Chicago	Square	978	Oct. 14, 1914
Chicago	Standard	873	Oct. 4, 1904
Chicago	St. Andrews	863	Oct. 8, 1902
Chicago	St. Cecilia	865	Oct. 8. 1902
Chicago	Sunrise	996	Oct. 11, 1916
Chicago	Thos. J. Turner	409	Oct. 5, 1864
Chicago (Tracy)	Tracy	810	Oct. 6, 1891
Chicago (So. Chicago)	Triluminar	767	Oct. 8, 1884
Chicago	Trowel	981	Oct. 13, 1915
Chicago	True Blue	994	Oct. 11, 1916
Chicago	Union Park	610	Oct. 5, 1869
Chicago	Universal	985	Oct. 13, 1915
Chicago	Utopia	894	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Veritas	926	Oct. 12. 1910
Chicago	Waldeck	674	Oct. 3, 1871
Chicago	Washi'gton Park	956	Oct. 18, 1912
Chicago	Waubansia	160	Oct. 3, 1855
Chicago	Welcome	916	Oct. 13, 1909
Chicago	Welfare	991	Oct. 13, 1915
Chicago (Windsor Park)	Windsor Park	836	Oct. 3, 1894
Chicago	Wm. B. Warren	209	Oct. 7, 1856
Chicago	Wm. McKinley	876	Oct. 4, 1904
Chicago (Woodlawn Pk)	Woodlawn Park	841	Oct. 2, 1895
Chicago (Wright's Gro.)	Wright's Grove	779	Oct. 7, 1886
Chicago Heights	Chicago Heights	851	Oct. 6, 1897
Chillicothe	Geo. Washington	222	Oct. 7, 1856
Chrisman	Bloomfield	148	Oct. 2, 1854
Cicero	Cicero	955	Oct. 15, 1913
Cisco	Cisco	965	Oct. 15, 1913
Clay City	Clay City	488	Oct, 3, 1866
Clayton	Clayton	147	Oct. 2, 1854
Clifton	Clifton	688	Oct. 1, 1872
Clinton	DeWitt	84	Oct. 8, 1850
Coal Valley	Valley	547	Oct. 1, 1867
Cobden	Cobden	466	Oct, 3, 1866
Coffeen	Coffeen	906	Oct. 7, 1908
Cohn	New Hope	620	Oct. 5, 1869
Colchester	Colchester	496	Oct. 3, 1866
Colfax	Colfax	799	May 14, 1891
Collinsville	Collinsville	712	Oct. 8, 1873
Collison	Collison	714	Oct. 7, 1874
Colono	Clement	680	Oct. 3, 1871
Columbia	Columbia	474	Oct. 3, 1866
Columbus	Columbus	227	Oct. 7, 1857
Compton	Brooklyn	282	Oct. 6, 1858
Concord	N. D. Morse	346	Oct. 3, 1860
Corinth	Andrew Jackson	487	Oct. 3, 1866
Cornell	Cornell	868	Oct. 7, 1903
Cornland	Cornland	808	Oct. 6, 1891
Cottonwood	Cottonwood	920	Oct. 12, 1910
Cowden	Joppa	706	Oct. 8, 1873
Creal Springs	Creal Springs	817	Oct. 5, 1892
Creston	Creston	320	Oct. 5, 1859
Crete	Crete	763	Oct. 4, 1882
Crystal Lake	Nunda	169	Oct. 4, 1855
Cuba	Cuba	534	Oct. 1, 1867
Cypress	Stone Arch	953	Oct. 8, 1912
Dahlgren	Dahlgren	907	Oct. 14, 1914
Dallas City	Dallas City	235	Oct. 7, 1857
Danvers	Danvers	742	Oct. 3, 1876
Danville	Anchor	980	Oct. 13, 1915
Danville	Olive Branch	38	Oct. 6, 1846
Davis	Evening Star	414	Oct. 5, 1864
Dawson	Dawson	556	Oct. 1, 1857

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Decatur	Ionic	312	Oct 5, 1859
Decatur	Macon	8	Oct. 5, 1841
Decatur	Stephen Decatur	979	Oct. 14, 1914
De Kalb	De Kalb	144	Oct. 2, 1854
De Land	De Land	812	Oct. 5, 1892
Delavan	Delavan	156	Oct. 2, 1854
Denver	Denver	464	Oct, 3, 1866
Depue	Depue	951	Oct. 8, 1912
De Soto	De Soto	287	Oct. 7, 1858
Des Plaines	Des Plaines	890	Oct. 3, 1906
Dewitt	Amon	261	Oct. 6, 1858
Diona	Hutton	698	Oct. 1, 1872
Dix	Rome	721	Oct. 7, 1874
Dixon	Friendship	7	Oct. 6, 1841
Dongola	Dongola	581	Oct. 6, 1868
Donnelson	Donnelson	255	Oct. 6, 1858
Donovan	Donovan	952	Oct. 8, 1912
Downers Grove	Grove	824	Oct. 4, 1893
Dundee	Dundee	190	Oct. 6, 1856
Duquoin	DuQuoin	234	Oct. 7, 1857
Durand	Durand	302	Oct. 5, 1859
Dwight	Livingston	371	Oct. 1, 1861
Earlville	Meridian	183	Oct. 3, 1855
East Dubuque	Martin	491	Oct. 3, 1866
East Moline	East Moline	969	Oct. 14, 1914
East St. Louis	East St. Louis	504	Oct. 3, 1866
East St. Louis	Gothic	852	Oct. 6, 1897
Eaton	Crawford	666	Oct. 3, 1871
Eddyville	Eddyville	672	Oct 3, 1871
Edgewood	Edgewood	484	Oct. 3, 1866
Edinburg	Blueville	647	Oct. 4, 1870
Edwardsville	Edwardsville	99	Oct. 6, 1851
Effingham	Effingham	149	Oct. 2, 1854
Elburn	Blackberry	359	Oct. 3, 1860
El Dara	El Dara	388	Oct. 8, 1863
Eldorado	Eldorado	730	Oct. 5, 1875
Elgin	Elgin	117	Oct. 4, 1852
Elgin	Monitor	522	Oct. 1, 1867
Elkhart	Elkhart	903	Oct. 7, 1908
Elizabeth	Kavanaugh	36	Oct. 6, 1846
Elizabethtown	Elizabeth	276	Oct. 10, 1858
Elmhurst	Elmhurst	941	Oct. 10, 1911
Elmwood	Horeb	363	Oct. 1, 1861
El Paso	El Paso	246	Oct. 7, 1857
Elvaston	Elvaston	715	Oct. 7, 1874
Elwood	Elwood	919	Oct. 12, 1910
Enfield	Enfield	677	Oct. 3, 1871
Equality	Equality	2	Aug. , 1837
Erie	Erie	667	Oct. 3, 1871
Etna	Wabash	179	Oct. 2, 1855
Eureka	William C. Hobbs	306	Oct. 5, 1859
Evanston	Evans	524	Oct. 1, 1867
Evanston	Wayfarers	1001	Oct. 11, 1916
Evansville	Kaskaskia	86	Oct. 8, 1850
Ewing	Ewing	705	Oct. 8, 1873
Exeter	Exeter	424	Oct. 4, 1865
Fairbury	Tarbolton	351	Oct. 3, 1860
Fairfield	Fairfield	206	Oct. 7, 1856
Fairmount	Fairmount	590	Oct. 6, 1868
Fairview	Fairview	350	Oct. 3, 1860
Fairweather	Kingston	266	Oct. 6, 1858
Farina	Farina	601	Oct. 6, 1868
Farmer City	Farmer City	710	Oct. 8, 1873
Farmington	Farmington	192	Oct. 6, 1856
Fieldon	Fieldon	592	Oct. 6, 1868
Fillmore	Fillmore	670	Oct. 3, 1871
Findlay	Findlay	831	Oct. 4, 1893
Fisher	Sangamon	801	Oct. 6, 1891
Flat Rock	Flat Rock	348	Oct. 3, 1860
Flora	Flora	204	Oct. 7, 1856
Forrest	Forrest	614	Oct. 5, 1869
Franklin	Wadley	616	Oct. 5, 1869
Franklin Grove	Franklin Grove	264	Oct. 6 1858
Freeburg	Freeburg	418	Oct. 5 1864
Freedom	Freedom	194	Oct. 6, 1856
Freeport	Evergreen	170	Oct. 3, 1855
Freeport	Excelsior	97	Oct. 6, 1851
Fulton	Fulton City	189	Oct. 6, 1856
Galena	Miners	273	Oct. 6, 1858
Galesburg	Alpha	155	Oct. 2, 1854
Galesburg	Vesper	584	Oct. 6, 1868
Galatia	Galatia	684	Oct. 1, 1872
Galva	Galva	243	Oct. 7, 1857
Ganntown	New Columbia	336	Oct. 3, 1860

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Gays	Miles Hart	595	Oct. 6, 1868
Gardner	Gardner	573	Oct. 6, 1868
Geneseo	Stewart	92	Oct. 8, 1850
Geneva	Geneva	139	Oct. 2, 1854
Genoa	Genoa	288	Oct. 7, 1858
Georgetown	Russell	154	Oct. 2, 1854
Gibson City	Gibson	733	Oct. 5, 1875
Gillespie	Gillespie	214	Oct. 7, 1856
Gilman	Gilman	591	Oct. 6, 1868
Girard	Girard	171	Oct. 3, 1855
Glasford	Lancaster	106	Oct. 6, 1851
Glencoe	Glencoe	983	Oct. 13, 1915
Glenellyn	Glen Ellyn	950	Oct. 8, 1912
Golconda	Golconda	131	Oct. 4, 1853
Golden	LaPrairie	267	Oct. 6, 1858
Goldengate	Molenna	925	Oct. 12, 1910
Good Hope	Good Hope	617	Oct. 5, 1869
Goreville	Saline	339	Oct. 3, 1860
Grafton	Full Moon	341	Oct. 3, 1860
Grand Chain	Grand Chain	660	Oct. 4, 1870
Grand Tower	Lafayette	657	Oct. 4, 1870
Granite City	Granite City	877	Oct. 4, 1904
Granite City	Triple	835	Oct. 3, 1894
Grant Park	Grant Park	928	Oct. 10, 1911
Grayslake	Rising Sun	115	Oct. 4, 1852
Grayville	Sheba	200	Oct. 7, 1856
Greenfield	Greenfield	129	Oct. 3, 1853
Greenup	Greenup	125	Oct. 3, 1853
Greenview	Greenview	653	Oct. 4, 1870
Greenville	Greenville	245	Oct. 7, 1857
Griggsville	Griggsville	45	Oct. 5, 1847
Grove City	Fisher	585	Oct. 6, 1868
Grand Chain	Grand Chain	660	Oct. 4, 1870
Grantsburg	Gurney	778	Oct. 7, 1886
Hegewisch	Pyramid	887	
Hamburg	West Gate	856	Oct. 4, 1899
Hamilton	Black Hawk	238	Oct. 7 1857
Hamletsburg	Bay City	771	Oct. 8, 1884
Hampshire	Hampshire	443	Oct. 4, 1865
Hanover	Hanover	905	Oct. 7, 1908
Hardin	Calhoun	792	Oct. 3, 1898
Hardinville	Hardinville	756	Oct. 3, 1878
Harrisburg	Harrisburg	325	Oct. 5, 1859
Harristown	Summit	431	Oct. 4, 1865
Harvard	Harvard	309	Oct. 5, 1859
Harvey	Harvey	832	Oct. 3, 1894
Havana	Havana	88	Oct. 8, 1850
Hazel Dell	Hazel Dell	580	Oct. 6, 1868
Hebron	Hebron	604	Oct. 6, 1868
Henry	Henry	119	Oct. 4, 1852
Herrick	Clover Leaf	990	Oct. 13, 1915
Herrin	Herrins Prairie	693	Oct. 1, 1872
Heyworth	Heyworth	251	Oct. 7, 1857
Highland	Highland	583	Oct. 6, 1868
Highland Park	A. O. Fay	676	Oct. 3, 1871
Hillsboro	Mt. Moriah	51	Oct. 4, 1818
Hinckley	Hinckley	301	Oct. 5, 1859
Hindsboro	Hindsboro	837	Oct. 4, 1894
Hinsdale	Hinsdale	943	Oct. 10, 1911
Holcomb	Meridian Sun	505	Oct. 3, 1866
Homer	Homer	199	Oct. 7, 1856
Hoopeston	Star	709	Oct. 8, 1873
Hooppole	Hooppole	886	Oct. 3, 1906
Hopedale	Hopedale	622	Oct. 5, 1869
Hull	Hull	910	Oct. 7, 1908
Hume	Edgar	829	Oct. 4, 1893
Huntsville	Huntsville	465	Oct. 3, 1866
Hutsonville	Hutsonville	136	Oct. 5, 1853
Illiopolis	Illiopolis	521	Oct. 1, 1867
Indianola	Vermilion	265	Oct. 6, 1858
Industry	Industry	327	Oct. 5, 1859
Iola	Iola	691	Oct. 1, 1872
Ipava	Ipava	213	Oct. 7, 1856
Iroquois	O. H. Miner	506	Oct. 3, 1866
Irving	Irving	455	Oct. 4, 1865
Iuka	J. D. Moody	510	Oct. 3, 1866
Jacksonville	Harmony	3	1838
Jacksonville	Jacksonville	570	Oct. 1, 1867
Jeffersonville	Jeffersonville	460	Oct. 3, 1866
Jerseyville	Jerseyville	394	Oct. 5, 1864
Johnsonville	Johnsonville	713	Oct. 7, 1874
Johnston City	Lake Creek	729	Oct. 5, 1875
Joliet	Matteson	175	Oct. 3, 1855
Joliet	Mt. Joliet	42	Oct. 8, 1846

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Jonesboro	Jonesboro	111	Oct. 7, 1851
Joy	Joy	946	Oct. 10, 1911
Kane	King Solomon	197	Oct. 7, 1856
Kankakee	Kankakee	389	Oct. 8, 1863
Kansas	Kansas	280	Oct. 6, 1858
Karbers Ridge	Tadmor	794	Oct. 8, 1890
Kell	R. F. Casey	948	Oct. 10, 1911
Kenney	Henderson	820	Oct. 5, 1892
Kewanee	Kewanee	159	Oct. 3, 1855
Keithsburg	Robert Burns	113	Oct. 7, 1851
Kinderhook	Kinderhook	353	Oct. 3, 1860
Kingston	Kishwaukee	402	Oct. 5, 1864
Kinmundy	Kinmundy	398	Oct. 5, 1864
Kirkland	Boyd D.	857	Oct. 2, 1900
Kirkwood	Abraham Lincoln	518	Oct. 1, 1867
Knoxville	Pacific	66	Mar. 25, 1896
Lacon	Lacon	61	Oct. 4, 1848
LaFayette	Stark	501	Oct. 3, 1866
LaGrange	La Grange	770	Oct. 8, 1884
LaHarpe	La Harpe	195	Oct. 6, 1856
Lamoille	La Moille	383	Oct. 8, 1863
Lanark	Lanark	423	Oct. 5, 1864
LaSalle	Acacia	67	Dec. 10, 1849
Latham	Latham	853	Oct. 6, 1897
Lawrenceville	Edward Dobbins	164	Oct. 3, 1855
Lebanon	Lebanon	110	Oct. 6, 1851
Lee Center	Lee Center	146	Oct. 2, 1854
Leland	Leland	558	Oct. 1, 1867
Lena	Lena	174	Oct. 3, 1855
Lerna	Lerna	788	Oct. 3, 1889
Le Roy	Le Roy	221	Oct. 7, 1856
Lewistown	Lewistown	104	Oct. 6, 1851
Lexington	Lexington	482	Oct. 3, 1866
Liberty	Liberty	380	Oct. 8, 1863
Libertyville	Libertyville	492	Oct. 3, 1866
Lickcreek	Union	627	Oct. 5, 1869
Lima	Lima	135	Oct. 4, 1853
Lincoln	Logan	210	Oct. 7, 1856
Lisbon	Orient	323	Oct. 5, 1859
Litchfield	Charter Oak	236	Oct. 7, 1857
Litchfield	Litchfield	517	Oct. 1, 1867
Littleton	Littleton	766	Oct. 3, 1883
Loami	Loami	450	Oct. 4, 1865
Lockport	Lockport	538	Oct. 1, 1867
Loda	Abraham Jonas	316	Oct. 5, 1859
London Mills	London	848	Oct. 5, 1897
Long Point	Long Point	552	Oct. 1, 1867
Loraine	Loraine	893	Oct. 2, 1907
Lostant	Lostant	870	Oct. 7, 1903
Louisville	Louisville	196	Oct. 6, 1856
Lovington	Lovington	228	Oct. 7, 1857
Ludlow	Pera	574	Oct. 6, 1868
Lyndon	Lyndon	750	Oct. 4, 1877
Lynnville	Gill	382	Oct. 8, 1863
McHenry	McHenry	158	Oct. 3, 1854
McLean	McLean	469	Oct. 3, 1866
McLeansboro	Polk	137	Oct. 5, 1853
Macedonia	Royal	807	Oct. 6, 1891
Mackinaw	Mackinaw	132	Oct. 4, 1853
Macomb	Macomb	17	Oct. 2, 1843
Macon	South Macon	467	Oct. 3, 1866
Magnolia	Magnolia	103	Oct. 6, 1851
Mahomet	Mahomet	220	Oct. 7, 1856
Makanda	Makanda	434	Oct. 4, 1865
Manchester	Manchester	229	Oct. 7, 1857
Manito	Manito	476	Oct. 3, 1866
Manlius	Manlius	933	Oct. 10, 1911
Maple Park	Maple Park	942	Oct. 10, 1911
Mansfield	Mansfield	773	Oct. 8, 1884
Maquon	Maquon	530	Oct. 1, 1867
Marcelline	Marcelline	114	Oct. 7, 1851
Marengo	Marengo	138	Oct. 5, 1853
Marine	Marine	355	Oct. 3, 1860
Marion	Fellowship	89	Oct 8, 1850
Marissa	Marissa	881	Oct. 4, 1905
Maroa	Maroa	454	Oct. 4, 1865
Marseilles	Marseilles	417	Oct. 5, 1864
Marshall	Marshall	133	Oct. 4, 1853
Martinsville	Clark	603	Oct. 6, 1868
Martinton	Martinton	845	Oct. 6, 1895
Mascoutah	Douglas	361	Oct. 1, 1861
Mason	Mason	217	Oct. 7, 1856
Mason City	Mason City	403	Oct. 5, 1864
Mattoon	Mattoon	260	Oct. 6, 1858

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Maywood	Maywood	869	Oct. 7, 1903
Mazon	Mazon	826	Oct. 4, 1893
Mechanicsburg	Carlock	904	Oct. 7, 1908
Medora	Fidelity	152	Oct. 3, 1854
Melvin	Melvin	811	Oct. 6, 1891
Mendon	Mendon	449	Oct. 4, 1865
Mendota	Mendota	176	Oct. 3, 1855
Meredosia	Benevolent	52	Oct. 3, 1848
Metropolis City	Metropolis	91	Oct. 8, 1850
Milan	Eureka	69	Oct. 4. 1849
Milford	Milford	168	Oct. 3, 1855
Milledgeville	Milledgeville	345	Oct. 3, 1860
Milton	Milton	275	Oct. 6, 1858
Minier	Comet	641	Oct. 4, 1870
Minonk	Rob Morris	247	Oct. 7, 1857
Minooka	Minooka	528	Oct. 1, 1867
Modesto	Nifong	874	Oct. 4, 1904
Moline	Doric	319	Oct. 5, 1859
Momence	Momence	481	Oct. 3, 1866
Monmouth	Monmouth	37	Oct. 6, 1846
Monticello	Fraternal	58	Oct. 4, 1848
Montrose	Prairie City	578	Oct. 6, 1868
Morris	Cedar	124	Oct. 3, 1853
Morrison	Dunlap	321	Oct. 5, 1859
Morrisonville	Morrisonville	681	Oct. 3, 1871
Morton	Groveland	352	Oct. 3, 1860
Mound City	Trinity	562	Oct. 1, 1867
Mount Auburn	Kedron	340	Oct. 2, 1860
Mt Carmel	Mt. Carmel	239	Oct. 7, 1857
Mt. Carroll	Cyrus	188	Oct. 6, 1856
Mt. Erie	Mt. Erie	331	Oct. 3, 1860
Mt. Morris	Samuel H. Davis.	96	Oct. 6, 1851
Mt. Pulaski	Mt. Pulaski	87	Oct. 8, 1850
Mount Sterling	Hardin	44	Oct. 5, 1847
Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	31	Oct. 9, 1845
Moweaqua	Moweaqua	180	Oct. 3, 1855
Mulberry Grove	Gilham	809	Oct. 6, 1891
Murphysboro	Murphysboro	498	Oct. 3, 1866
Naperville	Euclid	65	Oct. 2, 1849
Nashville	Washington	55	Oct. 4, 1848
Nebo	Nebo	806	Oct. 6, 1891
Neoga	Neoga	279	Oct. 6, 1858
Neponset	Neponset	803	Oct. 6, 1891
New Boston	New Boston	59	Oct. 4, 1848
New Burnside	New Burnside	772	Oct. 8, 1884
New Canton	New Canton	821	Oct. 5, 1892
New Douglas	Madison	560	Oct. 1, 1867
New Hartford	New Hartford	453	Oct. 4, 1865
New Haven	New Haven	230	Oct. 8, 1857
New Holland	New Holland	741	Oct. 3, 1876
Newman	Newman	369	Oct. 2, 1861
New Salem	New Salem	218	Oct. 7, 1856
Newton	Newton	216	Oct. 7, 1856
New Windsor	Oxford	367	Oct. 1, 1861
Noble	Noble	362	Oct 2, 1861
Nokomis	Nokomis	456	Oct. 4, 1865
Normal	Normal	673	Oct. 3, 1871
Norris City	May	718	Oct. 7, 1874
Oakland	Oakland	219	Oct. 7, 1856
Oakwood	Free Will	872	Oct. 4, 1904
Oak Park	Circle	938	Oct. 10, 1911
Oak Park	Oak Park	540	Oct. 1, 1867
Oblong	Oblong City	644	Oct. 4, 1870
Oconee	Oconee	392	Oct. 8, 1863
Odell	Odell	401	Oct. 5, 1864
Odin	Odin	503	Oct. 3, 1866
O'Fallon	O'Fallon	576	Oct. 6, 1868
Ogden	Ogden	754	Oct. 4, 1877
Ohio	Ohio	814	Oct. 5, 1892
Olney	Olney	140	Oct. 2, 1854
Omaha	Omaha	723	Oct. 7, 1874
Onarga	Onarga	305	Oct. 5, 1859
Oneida	Oneida	337	Oct. 3, 1860
Opdyke	Jefferson	368	Oct. 1, 1861
Oquawka	Oquawka	123	Oct. 3, 1853
Orangeville	Orangeville	687	Oct. 1, 1872
Oregon	Oregon	420	Oct. 5, 1864
Orion	Sherman	535	Oct. 1, 1867
Oswego	Raven	303	Oct. 5, 1859
Ottawa	Humboldt	555	Oct. 1, 1867
Ottawa	Occidental	40	Oct. 7, 1846
Owaneco	Locust	623	Oct. 5, 1869
Palatine	Palatine	314	Oct. 5, 1859
Palestine	Palestine	849	Oct. 6, 1897

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Palmyra	Palmyra	463	Oct. 3, 1866
Pana	Pana	226	Oct. 7, 1856
Paris	Paris	268	Oct. 6, 1858
Paris	Prairie	77	Oct. 4, 1849
Parkersburg	Parkersburg	509	Oct. 3, 1866
Park Ridge	Park Ridge	988	Oct. 13, 1915
Patoka	Patoka	613	Oct. 5, 1869
Pawnee	Pawnee	675	Oct. 3, 1871
Pawpaw	Corinthian	205	Oct. 7, 1856
Paxton	Paxton	416	Oct. 5, 1864
Payson	Payson	379	Oct. 8, 1863
Pearl	Pleasant View	940	Oct. 10, 1911
Pearl City	Pearl	823	Oct. 4, 1893
Pecatonica	A. W. Rawson	145	Oct. 2, 1854
Pekin	Empire	126	Oct. 3. 1853
Pekin	Pekin	29	May 26, 1845
Peoria	Illinois	263	Oct. 6, 1858
Peoria	Joseph Robbins	930	Oct. 10, 1911
Peoria	Peoria	15	Oct. 4, 1842
Peoria	Schiller	335	Oct. 3, 1860
Peoria	Temple	46	Oct. 5, 1847
Peotone	Peotone	636	Oct. 5, 1869
Perry	Perry	95	Oct. 10, 1850
Peru	St. John's	13	Oct. 4, 1842
Petersburg	Clinton	19	Oct. 3, 1843
Philo	Centennial	747	Oct. 3, 1876
Pilot	Newtown	714	Oct. 7, 1874
Pinckneyville	Mitchell	85	Oct. 8, 1850
Pittsfield	Pittsfield	790	Oct. 3, 1889
Piper City	Piper	608	Oct. 6, 1868
Plainfield	Plainfield	536	Oct. 1, 1867
Plainview	Plainview	461	Oct. 3, 1866
Plainville	Adams	529	Oct 1, 1867
Plano	Sunbeam	428	Oct. 4, 1865
Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill	565	Oct. 1, 1867
Pleasant Plains	Pleasant Plains	700	Oct. 8, 1873
Plymouth	Plymouth	286	Oct. 7, 1858
Pocahontas	Gordon	473	Oct. 3, 1866
Polo	Mystic Tie	187	Oct. 6, 1856
Pontiac	Pontiac	294	Oct. 5, 1859
Pontoosuc	Herrick	193	Oct. 6, 1856
Port Byron	Philo	436	Oct. 4, 1865
Potomac	Potomac	782	Oct. 6, 1887
Prairie City	Golden Gate	248	Oct. 7, 1857
Preemption	Preemption	755	Oct. 4, 1877
Princeton	Princeton	587	Oct. 6, 1868
Princeville	Princeville	360	Oct. 1, 1861
Prophetstown	Prophetstown	293	Oct. 5, 1859
Pulaski	Caledonia	47	Oct. 5, 1847
Quincy	Bodley	1	Aug. 30, 1836
Quincy	Herman	39	Oct. 6, 1846
Quincy	Lambert	659	Oct. 4, 1870
Quincy	Quincy	296	Oct. 5, 1859
Raleigh	Raleigh	128	Oct. 3, 1853
Ramsey	Ramsey	405	Oct. 5, 1864
Rankin	Rankin	725	Oct. 7, 1874
Rantoul	Rantoul	470	Oct. 3, 1866
Raritan	Raritan	727	Oct. 5, 1875
Raymond	Raymond	692	Oct. 1, 1872
Red Bud	Red Bud	427	Oct. 4, 1865
Richmond	Richmond	143	Oct. 2, 1854
Ridge Farm	Ridge Farm	632	Oct. 5, 1869
Ridgway	Ridgway	816	Oct. 5, 1892
Rio	Rio	685	Oct. 1, 1872
Riverside	Riverside	862	Oct. 8, 1902
Riverton	Riverton Union	786	Oct. 3, 1888
Robinson	Robinson	250	Oct. 7, 1857
Rochelle	Horicon	244	Oct. 7, 1857
Rochester	Rochester	635	Oct. 5. 1869
Rock Falls	Rock Falls	936	Oct. 10, 1911
Rockford	E. F. W. Ellis	633	Oct. 5, 1869
Rockford	Rockford	102	Oct. 6, 1851
Rockford	Star in the East	166	Oct. 3, 1855
Rock Island	Rock Island	658	Oct. 4, 1870
Rock Island	Trio	57	Oct. 3, 1848
Rockport	Rockport	830	Oct. 4, 1893
Rockton	Rockton	74	Oct. 4, 1849
Roodhouse	E. M. Husted	796	Oct. 8, 1890
Roscoe	Roscoe	75	Oct. 4, 1849
Roseville	Roseville	519	Oct. 1, 1867
Rossville	Rossville	527	Oct. 1, 1867
Rushville	Rushville	9	Oct. 3, 1842
Russell	Antioch	127	Oct. 3, 1853
Rutland	Rutland	477	Oct. 3, 1866

POSTOFFICE	NAME	NO.	CHARTERED.
Sadorus	J. R. Gorin	537	Oct. 1, 1867
Salem	Marion	130	Oct. 4, 1853
Sandoval	Sandoval	932	Oct. 10, 1911
Sandwich	Meteor	283	Oct. 6, 1858
San Jose	San Jose	645	Oct. 4, 1870
Saunemin	Saunemin	738	Oct. 3, 1876
Savanna	Mississippi	385	Oct. 8, 1863
Saybrook	Cheney's Grove	468	Oct. 3, 1866
Scottland	Scott Land	743	Oct. 3, 1876
Scottville	Scottville	426	Oct. 4, 1865
Seaton	Charity	838	Oct. 2, 1895
Seneca	Seneca	532	Oct. 1, 1867
Sesser	Sesser	918	Oct. 12, 1910
Shabbona	Shabbona	374	Oct. 8, 1862
Shannon	Shannon	490	Oct. 3, 1866
Shawneetown	Warren	14	Oct. 5, 1842
Sheffield	Ames	142	Oct. 2, 1854
Shelbyville	Jackson	53	Oct. 4, 1848
Sheldon	Sheldon	609	Oct. 5, 1869
Sheridan	Sheridan	735	Oct. 5, 1875
Shipman	Shipman	212	Oct. 7, 1856
Shirley	Shirley	582	Oct. 6, 1868
Sibley	Sibley	761	Oct. 6, 1881
Sidell	Sidell	798	Oct. 8, 1890
Sidney	Sidney	347	Oct. 3, 1860
Silvis	Silvis	898	Oct. 2, 1907
Somonauk	Somonauk	646	Oct. 4, 1870
Sorento	Sorento	861	Oct 1, 1901
Sparland	Sparland	441	Oct. 4, 1865
Sparta	Hope	162	Oct. 3, 1855
Speer	Lawn Ridge	415	Oct. 5, 1864
Springfield	Central	71	Oct. 4, 1849
Springfield	Springfield	4	Oct. 28, 1839
Springfield	St. Paul's	500	Oct. 3, 1866
Springfield	Tyrian	333	Oct. 2, 1860
Springvalley	S. M. Dalzell	805	Oct. 6, 1891
Staunton	Staunton	177	Oct. 2, 1855
Steeleville	Alma	497	Oct. 3, 1866
Sterling	Rock River	612	Oct. 5, 1869
Steward	Alto	902	Oct. 7, 1908
Stewardson	Stewardson	541	Oct. 1, 1867
St. Charles	Unity	48	Oct. 5, 1847
St. Elmo	St. Elmo	769	Oct. 8, 1884
St. Francisville	Stellar	912	Oct. 13, 1909
St. Joseph	St. Joseph	970	Oct. 14, 1914
Stockton	Plum River	554	Oct. 1, 1867
Stonefort	Stone Fort	495	Oct. 3, 1866
Streator	Streator	607	Oct. 6, 1868
Stronghurst	Stronghurst	847	Oct. 6, 1896
Sublette	Sublette	349	Oct. 3, 1860
Sullivan	Sullivan	764	Oct. 3, 1883
Summerfield	Summerfield	342	Oct. 3, 1860
Sumner	Sumner	334	Oct. 3, 1860
Sycamore	Sycamore	134	Oct. 4, 1853
Table Grove	Table Grove	939	Oct. 10, 1911
Tamaroa	Tamaroa	207	Oct. 7, 1856
Tampico	Yorktown	655	Oct. 4, 1870
Taylorville	Mound	122	Oct. 5, 1852
Temple Hill	Temple Hill	701	Oct. 8, 1873
Thompsonville	Akin	749	Oct. 4, 1877
Thomson	Thomson	559	Oct 1, 1867
Time	Time	569	Oct. 1, 1867
Timewell	Kendrick	430	Oct. 4, 1865
Tiskilwa	Sharon	550	Oct. 1, 1867
Toledo	Toledo	834	Oct. 3, 1894
Tolono	Tolono	391	Oct. 8, 1863
Tonica	Tonica	364	Oct. 1, 1861
Toulon	Toulon	93	Oct. 8, 1850
Towanda	Towanda	542	Oct. 1, 1867
Tower Hill	Tower Hill	493	Oct. 3, 1866
Tremont	Tremont	462	Oct. 3, 1866
Trenton	Trenton	109	Oct. 6, 1851
Trilla	Muddy Point	396	Oct. 5, 1864
Troy	Troy	588	Oct. 6, 1868
Troy Grove	Shiloh	397	Oct. 5, 1864
Tunnell Hill	Reynoldsburg	419	Oct. 5, 1864
Tuscola	Tuscola	332	Oct. 2, 1860
Union	Orion	358	Oct. 1, 1861
Urbana	Urbana	157	Oct. 2, 1854
Utica	Utica	858	Oct. 2, 1900
Valier	Goode	744	Oct. 3, 1876
Vandalia	Temperance	16	Dec. 10, 1842
Vermilion	Stratton	408	Oct. 5, 1864
Vermont	Vermont	116	Oct. 4, 1852

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POSTOFFICE	NAME	NO.	CHARTERED
Verona	Verona	757	Oct. 3, 1878
Versailles	Versailles	108	Oct. 6, 1851
Victoria	A. T. Darrah	793	Oct. 8, 1890
Vienna	Vienna	150	Oct. 2, 1854
Villa Grove	Villa Grove	885	Oct. 3, 1906
Viola	Viola	577	Oct. 6, 1868
Virden	Virden	161	Oct. 3, 1855
Virginia	Virginia	544	Oct. 1, 1867
Walnut	Walnut	722	Oct. 7, 1874
Walpole	Tuscan	630	Oct. 5, 1869
Walshville	Walshville	475	Oct. 3, 1866
Waltham	Waltham	384	Oct 8, 1863
Warren	Jo Daviess	278	Oct. 6, 1858
Warrensburg	Warrensburg	959	Oct. 15, 1913
Warsaw	Warsaw	257	Oct. 6, 1858
Washburn	Washburn	421	Oct. 5, 1864
Washington	Taylor	98	Oct. 6, 1851
Wataga	Wataga	291	Oct. 5, 1859
Waterloo	Morris	787	Oct. 3, 1889
Waterman	Waterman	728	Oct. 5, 1875
Watseka	Watseka	446	Oct. 4, 1865
Watson	Watson	602	Oct. 6, 1868
Wauconda	Wauconda	298	Oct. 5, 1859
Waukegan	Waukegan	78	Oct. 4, 1849
Waverly	Waverly	118	Oct. 4, 1852
Wayne City	Orel	759	Oct. 9, 1879
Waynesville	Wayne	172	Oct. 3, 1855
Weldon	Weldon	746	Oct. 3, 1876
Wenona	Wenona	344	Oct. 3, 1860
West Chicago	Amity	472	Oct. 3, 1866
West Frankfort	Frankfort	567	Oct. 1, 1867
West Point	Dills	295	Oct. 5, 1859
West Salem	West Salem	866	Oct. 8, 1902
West Union	York	313	Oct. 5, 1859
Wheaton	Wheaton	269	Oct. 6, 1858
Wheeler	Wheeler	883	Oct. 3, 1906
Wheeling	Vitruvius	81	Oct. 10, 1850
White Hall	White Hall	80	Oct. 8, 1850
Williamsville	Lavely	203	Oct. 7, 1856
Willmette	Willmette	931	Oct. 10, 1911
Willow Hill	Cooper	489	Oct. 3, 1866
Wilmington	Wilmington	208	Oct. 7, 1856
Winchester	Winchester	105	Oct. 6, 1851
Windsor	Windsor	322	Oct. 5, 1859
Winnebago	Winnebago	745	Oct. 3, 1876
Winslow	Winslow	564	Oct. 1, 1867
Winterrowd	Mayo	664	Oct. 3, 1871
Wolf Creek	Chapel Hill	719	Oct. 7, 1874
Woodhull	Woodhull	502	Oct. 3, 1866
Woodson	Murrayville	432	Oct. 4, 1865
Woodstock	St. Mark's	263	Oct. 4, 1848
Wyanet	Wyanet	231	Oct. 7, 1857
Wyoming	Wyoming	479	Oct. 3, 1866
Xenia	Xenia	485	Oct. 3, 1866
Yates City	Yates City	448	Oct. 4, 1865
Yorkville	Kendall	471	Oct. 3, 1866

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

FIRST DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	Place of Meeting.
33	Oriental	Chicago	29 W. Monroe St.
271	Blaney	Chicago	912 LaSalle Ave.
409	Thos. J. Turner	Chicago	Auditorium Hall
524	Evans	Evanston	810 Davis St.
642	Apollo	Chicago	3118 Forest Ave.
697	Richard Cole	Chicago	2941 Archer Ave.
751	Lounsbury	Barrington	Barrington
776	Grand Crossing	Chicago	Ingleside, near 75th St.
795	Myrtle	Chicago	4240 Irving Park Blvd.
818	Ben Hur	Chicago	2408 W. North Ave.
843	Park	Chicago	N. Clark St. and Lunt Ave.
863	St. Andrews	Chicago	Masonic Temple
878	Equity	Chicago	Masonic Temple
890	Desplaines	Desplaines	Desplaines
899	Park Manor	Chicago	69th and Wentworth Ave.
914	Republic	Chicago	Blackstone Ave. and 55th.
924	Banner Blue	Chicago	Englewood Masonic Temple
944	John Corson Smith	Chicago	W. Chicago Masonic Temple
958	Prudence	Chicago	Central Masonic Temple
972	Rainbow	Chicago	79th and Lowe Ave.
981	Trowel	Chicago	Monroe and Paulina Sts.
988	Park Ridge	Chicago	Park Ridge
996	Sunrise	Chicago	12-14 S. Oakley Blvd.

Robert N. Holt, D.D.G.M., 110 S. Dearborn St., Chicago.

SECOND DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	Place of Meeting.
81	Vitruvius	Wheeling	Wheeling
277	Accordia	Chicago	Halsted St. and North Ave.
410	Mithra	Chicago	1710-12 Cornelia Ave
526	Covenant	Chicago	Central Masonic Temple
643	D. C. Cregier	Chicago	2403 W. North Ave.
711	Providence	Jefferson	5418 Gale St.
758	Mystic Star	Chicago	6734 Wentworth Ave.
777	Ravenswood	Chicago	Montrose & N. Hermitage.
797	Normal Park	Chicago	6734 Wentworth Ave.
819	Columbian	Chicago	Millard Ave. and 23rd St.
850	Austin	Chicago	241 North Central Ave.
864	Olympia	Chicago	4229 Cottage Grove Ave.
879	Composite	Chicago	4229 Cottage Grove Ave.
891	Logan Square	Chicago	3117 Logan Blvd.
900	Carnation	Chicago	4229 Cottage Grove Ave.
915	Jackson Park	Chicago	1555 East 63rd St.
926	Veritas	Chicago	W. Chicago Mas. Temple.
947	Kenmore	Chicago	6405 N. Clark St.
961	Federal	Chicago	Englewood Masonic Temple
973	Perseverance	Chicago	Masonic Temple
982	Sincerity	Chicago	Robey and Byron Sts.
989	Hyde Park	Chicago	Fifty-first and Michigan Sts.
997	Integrity	Chicago	1710 Cornelia Ave

James A. Steven, D.D.G.M., 112 W. Adams St., Chicago.

THIRD DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	Place of Meeting.
141	Garden City	Chicago	Masonic Temple
308	Ashlar	Chicago	Masonic Temple
411	Hesperia	Chicago	29 W. Monroe St.
540	Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park, Ill.
662	South Park	Chicago	Blackstone Ave. and E. 55th.
716	Calumet	Blue Island	Blue Island, Ill.
765	Palace	Chicago	Pullman
779	Wright's Grove	Chicago	Clark St. and Belmont Ave.
800	Kenwood	Chicago	4229 Cottage Grove Ave.
832	Harvey	Harvey	Harvey, Ill.
851	Chicago Heights	Chicago Heights	Chicago Heights, Ill.
865	St. Cecelia	Chicago	Masonic Temple
880	John B. Sherman	Chicago	6319 S. Ashland Ave.
892	Constellation	Chicago	3900 N. Robey
901	Edgewater	Chicago	4737 Broadway
916	Welcome	Chicago	Masonic Temple
927	Candida	Chicago	Masonic Temple
949	Justice	Chicago	W. Chicago Masonic Temple
962	Ben Franklin	Chicago	4240 Irving Park Blvd
974	Albany Park	Chicago	Diversly and California Ave.
983	Glencoe	Glencoe, Cook Co.	Glencoe
991	Welfare	Chicago	Dearborn and Division Sts.
998	Paul Revere	Chicago	1128 Wilson Ave

Richard E. Kropf, D.D.G.M., 10 S. La Salle St., Chicago.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	Place of Meeting.
160	Waubansia	Chicago	Masonic Temple
310	Dearborn	Chicago	3120 Forest Ave
422	Landmark	Chicago	4229 Cottage Grove Ave
557	Lessing	Chicago	1500 N. Clark St
669	Herder	Chicago	Monroe and Paulina
717	Arcana	Chicago	W. Chicago Masonic Temple
767	Triluminar	Chicago	2939 91st St
780	Siloam	Chicago	W. Chicago Masonic Temple
804	Kensington	Chicago	11037 Michigan Ave
836	Windsor Park	Chicago	75th St. and Coles Ave
854	Brighton Park	Chicago	2456 W. 38th St
869	Maywood	Maywood	Maywood
882	Boulevard	Chicago	42nd and Halsted Sts
894	Utopia	Chicago	9231 Cottage Grove Ave
907	Ancient Craft	Chicago	51st and Michigan Ave
917	Concord	Chicago	H. P. Masonic Temple
931	Wilmette	Willmette	Wilmette
954	Progressive	Chicago	3349 W. North Ave
964	Maplewood	Chicago	Diversey and California Av.
975	Old Glory	Chicago	Austin Masonic Temple
984	Emblem	Chicago	Hyde Park Masonic Temple
992	Niagara	Chicago	Masonic Temple
997	Morgan Park	Chicago	Morgan Park

Claude R. Grover, D.D.G.M., 1410 E. 68th St., Chicago.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	Place of Meeting.
182	Germania	Chicago	1500 North Clark St
311	Kilwinning	Chicago	Central Masonic Temple
437	Chicago	Chicago	Auditorium Hall
610	Union Park	Chicago	W. Chicago Masonic Temple
674	Waldeck	Chicago	3120 Forest Ave
726	Golden Rule	Chicago	Masonic Temple
768	Mizpah	Chicago	42nd and Halsted St
783	Constantia	Chicago	19 W. Adams St
810	Tracy	Tracy	Tracy
839	Berwyn	Berwyn	Berwyn Masonic Hall
855	King Oscar	Chicago	Auditorium Hall
873	Standard	Chicago	Auditorium Hall
887	Pyramid	Hegewisch	Hegewisch
895	Crescent	Chicago	51st and Michigan Ave
908	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago	7439 Ingleside Ave
921	Avondale	Chicago	3159 N. Kedzie Ave
937	North Shore	Chicago	Wilson and Broadway
955	Cicero	Cicero	Clyde
966	Exemplar	Chicago	Masonic Temple
976	Melrose Abbey	Chicago	Monroe and Paulina
985	Universal	Chicago	Masonic Temple
993	Leyden	Franklin Park	Franklin Park
1001	Wayfarers	Evanston	810 Davis St

Joseph J. Shaw, D.D.G.M., 69 W. Washington St., Chicago.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	Place of Meeting.
209	W. B. Warren	Chicago	Masonic Temple
214	Palatine	Palatine	Palatine, Masonic Hall
478	Pleiades	Chicago	W. Chicago Masonic Temple
611	Lincoln Park	Chicago	1500 N. Clark St
686	Garfield	Chicago	California Ave. and Madison
731	Harbor	Chicago	2939 91st St
770	LaGrange	LaGrange	LaGrange
784	Beacon Light	Chicago	Norwood Park, Masonic H.
813	Humboldt Park	Chicago	3638 Armitage
841	Woodlawn Park	Chicago	64th St. and University Av.
860	Metropolitan	Chicago	4035 W. Madison St
875	Cornerstone	Chicago	Central Masonic Temple
888	Damascus	Chicago	64th St. and University Av.
896	Kosmos	Chicago	6319 S. Ashland
909	Bee Hive	Chicago	Auditorium Hall
922	Compass	Chicago	Boulvard Hall, 5505 S. Halsted
938	Circle	Oak Park	127 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Pk.
956	Washington Park	Chicago	51st and Michigan Ave
968	South Gate	Chicago	Auburn Park Masonic Temple.
977	Parian	Chicago	64th and University Ave
986	Brotherhood	Chicago	Dearborn St. and Walton Place
994	True Blue	Chicago	3636 Armitage Ave
1002	Portage Park	Chicago	4240 Irving Park Blvd

Nicholas E. Murray, D.D.G.M., 5812 W. End Ave., Chicago.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	Place of Meeting.
211	Cleveland	Chicago	Masonic Temple
393	Blair	Chicago	29 W. Monroe St.
508	Home	Chicago	3120 Forest Ave.
639	Keystone	Chicago	1500 N. Clark St.
690	Englewood	Chicago	6734 Wentworth Ave.
739	Lakeside	Chicago	3120 Forest Ave.
774	Lake View	Chicago	Central Masonic Temple.
789	Auburn Park	Chicago	79th and Lowe Ave.
815	Lawn	Chicago	Chicago Lawn
842	Fides	Chicago	119th and Wallace.
862	Riverside	Riverside	Riverside Town Hall.
876	William McKinley	Chicago	Auditorium Hall
889	America	Chicago	29 W. Monroe St.
897	Ogden Park	Chicago	6319 S. Ashland Ave.
913	Aaron	Chicago	1555 E. 63rd St.
923	East Gate	Chicago	Masonic Temple.
943	Bohemia	Chicago	W. Chicago Masonic Temple
957	Prospect	Chicago	23rd and Millard Ave.
971	Fernwood Park	Chicago	10243 Wallace St.
978	Square	Chicago	1553 W. 69th St.
987	Cyrene	Chicago	Woodlawn Masonic Temple.
995	Lawndale	Chicago	2300 S. Millard Ave.

Hiram Vanderbilt, D.D.G.M., 11232 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
63	St. Mark's	Woodstock	McHenry
138	Marengo	Marengo	McHenry
143	Richmond	Richmond	McHenry
158	McHenry	McHenry	McHenry
169	Nunda	Crystal Lake	McHenry
309	Harvard	Harvard	McHenry
358	Orion	Union	McHenry
604	Hebron	Hebron	McHenry
960	Algonquin	Algonquin	McHenry
78	Waukegan	Waukegan	Lake
115	Rising Sun	Grayslake	Lake
127	Antioch	Millburn	Lake
298	Wauconda	Wauconda	Lake
492	Libertyville	Libertyville	Lake
676	A. O. Fay	Highland Park	Lake
827	Sequoit	Antioch	Lake

Jay L. Brewster, D.D.G.M., Waukegan.

NINTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
60	Belvidere	Belvidere	Boone
575	Capron	Capron	Boone
74	Rockton	Rockton	Winnebago
75	Roscoe	Roscoe	Winnebago
102	Rockford	Rockford	Winnebago
145	A. W. Rawson	Pecatonica	Winnebago
166	Star-in-the-East	Rockford	Winnebago
173	Cherry Valley	Cherry Valley	Winnebago
302	Durand	Durand	Winnebago
633	E. F. W. Ellis	Rockford	Winnebago
745	Winnebago	Winnebago	Winnebago
97	Excelsior	Freeport	Stephenson
170	Evergreen	Freeport	Stephenson
174	Lena	Lena	Stephenson
414	Evening Star	Davis	Stephenson
564	Winslow	Winslow	Stephenson
687	Orangeville	Orangeville	Stephenson
823	Pearl	Pearl City	Stephenson

James M. Huff, D.D.G.M., Belvidere.

TENTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
86	Kavanaugh	Elizabeth	Jo Daviess
273	Miners	Galena	Jo Daviess
278	Jo Daviess	Warren	Jo Daviess
491	Martin*	East Dubuque	Jo Daviess
554	Plum River	Stockton	Jo Daviess
905	Hanover	Hanover	Jo Daviess
859	Apple River	Apple River	Jo Daviess
188	Cyrus	Mt. Carroll	Carroll
345	Milledgeville	Milledgeville	Carroll
385	Mississippi	Savanna	Carroll
423	Lanark	Lanark	Carroll
490	Shannon	Shannon	Carroll
559	Thomson	Thomson	Carroll
867	Chadwick	Chadwick	Carroll

John Thos. Miller, D.D.G.M., Warren.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
184	Sycamore	Sycamore	De Kalb
144	De Kalb	Dekalb	De Kalb
283	Meteor	Sandwich	De Kalb
288	Genoa	Genoa	De Kalb
301	Hinckley	Hinckley	De Kalb
374	Shabbona	Shabbona	De Kalb
402	Kishwaukee	Kingston	De Kalb
646	Somonauk	Somonauk	De Kalb
728	Waterman	Waterman	De Kalb
887	Boyd D.	Kirkland	De Kalb
96	Samuel H. Davis	Mt. Morris	Ogle
187	Mystic Tie	Polo	Ogle
244	Horicon	Rochelle	Ogle
274	Byron	Byron	Ogle
320	Creston	Creston	Ogle
420	Oregon	Oregon	Ogle
505	Meridian Sun	Holcomb	Ogle

Thos. H. Hobbs, D.D.G.M., DeKalb.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

No	Name.	Location.	County.
48	Unity	St. Charles	Kane
90	Jerusalem Temple	Aurora	Kane
117	Elgin	Elgin	Kane
139	Geneva	Geneva	Kane
190	Dundee	Dundee	Kane
254	Aurora	Aurora	Kane
359	Blackberry	Elburn	Kane
404	Batavia	Batavia	Kane
443	Hampshire	Hampshire	Kane
942	Maple Park	Maple Park	Kane
522	Monitor	Elgin	Kane
503	Raven	Oswego	Kendall
525	Orient	Lisbon	Kendall
428	Sunbeam	Plano	Kendall
471	Kendall	Yorkville	Kendall
65	Euclid	Naperville	Dupage
269	Wheaton	Wheaton	Dupage
472	Amity	West Chicago	Dupage
824	Grove	Downers Grove	Dupage
934	Hinsdale	Hinsdale	Dupage
941	Elmhurst	Elmhurst	Dupage
950	Glen Ellyn	Glen Ellyn	Dupage

C. F. Wm. Schultz, D.D.G.M., 159 Chicago St., Elgin.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
189	Fulton City	Fulton	Whiteside
293	Prophetstown	Prophetstown	Whiteside
321	Dunlap	Morrison	Whiteside
566	Albany	Albany	Whiteside
612	Rock River	Sterling	Whiteside
655	Yorktown	Tampico	Whiteside
667	Erie	Erie	Whiteside
750	Lyndon	Lyndon	Whiteside
936	Rock Falls	Rock Falls	Whiteside
7	Friendship	Dixon	Lee
146	Lee Centre	Lee Centre	Lee
178	Illinois Central	Amboy	Lee
205	Corinthian	Pawpaw	Lee
264	Franklin Grove	Franklin Grove	Lee
282	Brooklyn	Compton	Lee
349	Sublette	Sublette	Lee
531	Ashton	Ashton	Lee
902	Alto	Steward	Lee

Mark C. Keller, D.D.G.M., Dixon.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

No	Name.	Location.	County.
49	Cambridge	Cambridge	Henry
92	Stewart	Geneseo	Henry
159	Kewanee	Kewanee	Henry
243	Galva	Galva	Henry
433	Atkinson	Atkinson	Henry
502	Woodhull	Woodhull	Henry
535	Sherman	Orion	Henry
680	Clement	Cleveland	Henry
886	Hooppole	Hooppole	Henry
57	Trio	Rock Island	Rock Island
69	Eureka	Milan	Rock Island
319	Doric	Moline	Rock Island
436	Philo	Port Byron	Rock Island
516	Andalusia	Andalusia	Rock Island
547	Valley	Coal Valley	Rock Island
658	Rock Island	Rock Island	Rock Island
679	Buffalo Prairie	Illinois City	Rock Island
898	Silvis	Silvis	Rock Island
969	East Moline	East Moline	Rock Island

C. G. Taylor, D.D.G.M., Rock Island.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
142	Ames	Sheffield	Bureau
231	Wyanet	Wyanet	Bureau
270	Levi Lusk	Arlington	Bureau
383	La Moille	La Moille	Bureau
399	Buda	Buda	Bureau
550	Sharon	Tiskilwa	Bureau
587	Princeton	Princeton	Bureau
722	Walnut	Walnut	Bureau
803	Neponset	Neponset	Bureau
805	S. M. Dalzell	Springvalley	Bureau
814	Ohio	Ohio	Bureau
933	Manlius	Manlius	Bureau
951	Depue	Depue	Bureau
103	Magnolia	Magnolia	Putnam
61	Lacon	Lacon	Marshall
119	Henry	Henry	Marshall
344	Wenona	Wenona	Marshall
441	Sparland	Sparland	Marshall

Chas. W. Coker, D.D.G.M., Lacon.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
13	St. John's	Peru	La Salle
40	Occidental	Ottawa	La Salle
67	Acacia	La Salle	La Salle
176	Mendota	Mendota	La Salle
183	Meridan	Earlville	La Salle
194	Freedom	Freedom	La Salle
364	Tonica	Tonica	La Salle
384	Waltham	Waltham	La Salle
397	Shiloh	Troy Grove	La Salle
417	Marseilles	Marseilles	La Salle
477	Rutland	Rutland	La Salle
532	Senaca	Seneca	La Salle
555	Humboldt	Ottawa	La Salle
607	Streator	Streator	La Salle
735	Sheridan	Sheridan	La Salle
858	Utica	Utica	La Salle
870	Lostant	Lostant	La Salle
558	Leland	Leland	La Salle

J. F. Blakeslee, D.D.G.M., Utica.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
42	Mt. Joliet	Joliet	Will
175	Matteson	Joliet	Will
208	Wilmington	Wilmington	Will
262	Channahon	Channahon	Will
536	Plainfield	Plainfield	Will
538	Lockport	Lockport	Will
636	Peotone	Peotone	Will
704	Braidwood	Braidwood	Will
763	Crete	Crete	Will
919	Elwood	Elwood	Will
124	Cedar	Morris	Grundy
528	Minooka	Minooka	Grundy
573	Gardner	Gardner	Grundy
757	Verona	Verona	Grundy
826	Mazon	Mazon	Grundy

J. W. Brockway, D.D.G.M., Box 864, Joliet.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
378	Aroma	Waldron	Kankakee
389	Kankakee	Kankakee	Kankakee
481	Momence	Momence	Kankakee
928	Grant Park	Grant Park	Kankakee
168	Milford	Milford	Iroquois
305	Onarga	Onarga	Iroquois
316	Abraham Jonas	Loda	Iroquois
429	Chebanse	Chebanse	Iroquois
446	Watseka	Watseka	Iroquois
506	O. H. Miner	Iroquois	Iroquois
591	Gilman	Gilman	Iroquois
609	Sheldon	Sheldon	Iroquois
634	Buckley	Buckley	Iroquois
688	Clifton	Clifton	Iroquois
845	Martinton	Martinton	Iroquois
952	Donovan	Donovan	Iroquois

Wm. A. Ward, D.D.G.M., Sheldon.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
294	Pontiac	Pontiac	Livingston
351	Tarbolton	Fairbury	Livingston
371	Livingston	Dwight	Livingston
401	Odell	Odell	Livingston
539	Chatsworth	Chatsworth	Livingston
552	Long Point	Long Point	Livingston
614	Forrest	Forrest	Livingston
738	Saunemin	Saunemin	Livingston
868	Cornell	Cornell	Livingston
416	Paxton	Paxton	Ford
608	Piper	Piper City	Ford
631	Norton	Cabery	Ford
733	Gibson	Gibson City	Ford
761	Sibley	Sibley	Ford
811	Melvin	Melvin	Ford

C. L. Tanner, D.D.G.M., Saunemin.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
15	Peoria	Peoria	Peoria
46	Temple	Peoria	Peoria
106	Lancaster	Glasford	Peoria
222	George Washington	Chillicothe	Peoria
263	Illinois	Peoria	Peoria
335	Schiller	Peoria	Peoria
360	Princeville	Princeville	Peoria
363	Horeb	Elmwood	Peoria
748	Alta	Alta	Peoria
930	Joseph Robbins	Peoria	Peoria
246	El Paso	El Paso	Woodford
247	Rob Morris	Minonk	Woodford
306	William C. Hobbs	Eureka	Woodford
421	Washburn	Washburn	Woodford

Chas. H. Ireland, D.D.G.M., Washburn.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
66	Pacific	Knoxville	Knox
155	Alpha	Galesburg	Knox
185	Abingdon	Abingdon	Knox
291	Wataga	Wataga	Knox
330	Altona	Altona	Knox
337	Oneida	Oneida	Knox
448	Yates City	Yates City	Knox
530	Maquon	Maquon	Knox
584	Vesper	Galesburg	Knox
685	Rio	Rio	Knox
793	A. T. Darrah	Victoria	Knox
93	Toulon	Toulon	Stark
415	Lawn Ridge	Speer	Stark
479	Wyoming	Wyoming	Stark
501	Stark	La Fayette	Stark
514	Bradford	Bradford	Stark

C. C. Sawyer, D.D.G.M., Altona.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
59	New Boston	New Boston	Mercer
113	Robert Burns	Keithsburg	Mercer
252	Aledo	Aledo	Mercer
367	Oxford	New Windsor	Mercer
577	Viola	Viola	Mercer
755	Preemption	Preemption	Mercer
838	Charity	Seaton	Mercer
946	Joy	Joy	Mercer
37	Monmouth	Monmouth	Warren
518	Abraham Lincoln	Kirkwood	Warren
519	Roseville	Roseville	Warren
702	Alexandria	Alexis	Warren
123	Oquawka	Oquawka	Henderson
727	Raritan	Raritan	Henderson
732	Carman	Carman	Henderson
847	Stronghurst	Stronghurst	Henderson

F. E. Edgerton, D.D.G.M., Kirkwood.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
17	Macomb	Macomb	McDonough
233	Blandinsville	Blandinsville	McDonough
248	Golden Gate	Prairie City	McDonough
307	T. J. Pickett	Bushnell	McDonough
327	Industry	Industry	McDonough
496	Colchester	Colchester	McDonough
572	Bardolph	Bardolph	McDonough
617	Good Hope	Good Hope	McDonough
100	Astoria	Astoria	Fulton
104	Lewistown	Lewistown	Fulton
116	Vermont	Vermont	Fulton
192	Farmington	Farmington	Fulton
213	Ipava	Ipava	Fulton
253	Avon Harmony	Avon	Fulton
350	Fairview	Fairview	Fulton
534	Cuba	Cuba	Fulton
734	Morning Star	Canton	Fulton
848	London	London Mills	Fulton
939	Table Grove	Table Grove	Fulton

Simon P. Odenweller, D.D.G.M., Macomb, Ill.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
20	Hancock	Carthage	Hancock
193	Herrick	Pontoosuc	Hancock
195	La Harpe	La Harpe	Hancock
235	Dallas City	Dallas City	Hancock
238	Black Hawk	Hamilton	Hancock
257	Warsaw	Warsaw	Hancock
286	Plymouth	Plymouth	Hancock
295	Dills	West Point	Hancock
318	J. L. Anderson	Augusta	Hancock
464	Denver	Denver	Hancock
486	Bowen	Bowen	Hancock
618	Basco	Basco	Hancock
683	Burnside	Burnside	Hancock
715	Elvaston	Elvaston	Hancock
9	Rushville	Rushville	Schuyler
465	Huntsville	Huntsville	Schuyler
648	Camden	Camden	Schuyler
766	Littleton	Littleton	Schuyler
935	La Moine	Brooklyn	Schuyler

Enoch Fleming, D.D.G.M., Bowen.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
29	Pekin	Pekin	Tazewell
98	Taylor	Washington	Tazewell
126	Empire	Pekin	Tazewell
132	Mackinaw	Mackinaw	Tazewell
156	Delavan	Delavan	Tazewell
352	Groveland	Morton	Tazewell
462	Tremont	Tremont	Tazewell
622	Hopedale	Hopedale	Tazewell
641	Comet	Minier	Tazewell
87	Mt. Pulaski	Mt. Pulaski	Logan
165	Atlanta	Atlanta	Logan
210	Logan	Lincoln	Logan
741	New Holland	New Holland	Logan
808	Cornland	Cornland	Logan
853	Latham	Latham	Logan
903	Elkhart	Elkhart	Logan

A. T. Peters, D.D.G.M., New Holland.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
43	Bloomington	Bloomington	McLean
221	Le Roy	Le Roy	McLean
251	Heyworth	Heyworth	McLean
292	Chenoa	Chenoa	McLean
468	Cheneys Grove	Saybrook	McLean
469	McLean	McLean	McLean
482	Lexington	Lexington	McLean
512	Wade Barney	Bloomington	McLean
542	Towanda	Towanda	McLean
582	Shirley	Shirley	McLean
656	Mozart	Bloomington	McLean
673	Normal	Normal	McLean
737	Arrowsmith	Arrowsmith	McLean
742	Danvers	Danvers	McLean
799	Colfax	Colfax	McLean
911	Bellflower	Bellflower	McLean

Nimrod Mace, D.D.G.M., Bloomington.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
38	Olive Branch	Danville	Vermilion
154	Russell	Georgetown	Vermilion
265	Vermillion	Indianola	Vermilion
285	Catlin	Catlin	Vermilion
527	Rossville	Rossville	Vermilion
590	Fairmount	Fairmount	Vermilion
632	Ridge Farm	Ridge Farm	Vermilion
709	Star	Hoopeston	Vermilion
714	Collison	Collison	Vermilion
725	Rankin	Rankin	Vermilion
782	Potomac	Potomac	Vermilion
798	Sidell	Sidell	Vermilion
872	Free Will	Oakwood	Vermilion
980	Anchor	Danville	Vermilion

C. Haven Stevens, D.D.G.M., Danville.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
157	Urbana	Urbana	Champaign
199	Homer	Homer	Champaign
220	Mahomet	Mahomet	Champaign
240	Western Star	Champaign	Champaign
347	Sidney	Sidney	Champaign
391	Tolono	Tolono	Champaign
470	Rantoul	Rantoul	Champaign
537	J. R. Gorin	Sadorous	Champaign
574	Pera	Ludlow	Champaign
747	Centennial	Philo	Champaign
754	Ogden	Ogden	Champaign
791	Broadlands	Broadlands	Champaign
801	Sangamon	Fisher	Champaign
970	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	Champaign
58	Fraternal	Monticella	Piatt
365	Bement	Bement	Piatt
600	Cerro Gordo	Cerro Gordo	Piatt
651	Atwood	Atwood	Piatt
773	Mansfield	Mansfield	Piatt
812	De Land	De Land	Piatt
965	Cisco	Cisco	Piatt

F. R. Smedley, D.D.G.M., Champaign.

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
84	De Witt	Clinton	DeWitt
172	Wayne	Waynesville	DeWitt
261	Amon	Dewitt	DeWitt
710	Farmer City	Farmer City	DeWitt
746	Weldon	Weldon	DeWitt
820	Henderson	Kenney	DeWitt
8	Macon	Decatur	Macon
312	Ionic	Decatur	Macon
431	Summit	Harristown	Macon
454	Maroa	Maroa	Macon
467	South Macon	Macon	Macon
682	Blue Mound	Blue Mound	Macon
871	Argenta	Argenta	Macon
959	Warrensburg	Warrensburg	Macon
979	Stephen Decatur	Decatur	Macon

Cary F. Crum, D.D.G.M., Maroa.

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
4	Springfield	Springfield	Sangamon
71	Central	Springfield	Sangamon
203	Lavely	Williamsville	Sangamon
333	Tyrian	Springfield	Sangamon
354	Ark and Anchor	Auburn	Sangamon
450	Loami	Loami	Sangamon
500	St. Pauls	Springfield	Sangamon
521	Illiopolis	Illiopolis	Sangamon
523	Chatham	Chatham	Sangamon
556	Dawson	Dawson	Sangamon
635	Rochester	Rochester	Sangamon
675	Pawnee	Pawnee	Sangamon
700	Pleasant Plains	Pleasant Plains	Sangamon
786	Riverton Union	Riverton	Sangamon
904	Carlock	Mechanicsburg	Sangamon
945	Buffalo	Buffalo	Sangamon
19	Clinton	Petersburg	Menard
653	Greenview	Greenview	Menard
762	VanMeter	Athens	Menard

Emory Edwards, D.D.G.M., Riverton.

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
88	Havana	Havana	Mason
403	Mason City	Mason City	Mason
476	Manito	Manito	Mason
645	San Jose	San Jose	Mason
23	Cass	Beardstown	Cass
544	Virginia	Virginia	Cass
724	Chandlerville	Chandlerville	Cass
929	Ashland	Ashland	Cass
3	Harmony	Jacksonville	Morgan
52	Benevolent	Meredosia	Morgan
118	Waverly	Waverly	Morgan
346	N. D. Morse	Concord	Morgan
382	Gill	Lynnville	Morgan
432	Murrayville	Woodson	Morgan
570	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Morgan
616	Wadley	Franklin	Morgan

A. C. Metcalf, D.D.G.M., Jacksonville.

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
44	Hardin	Mt. Sterling	Brown
108	Versailles	Versailles	Brown
430	Kendrick	Timewell	Brown
34	Barry	Barry	Pike
45	Griggsville	Griggsville	Pike
95	Perry	Perry	Pike
218	New Salem	New Salem	Pike
275	Milton	Milton	Pike
353	Kinderhook	Kinderhook	Pike
373	Chambersburg	Chambersburg	Pike
388	El Dara	El Dara	Pike
453	New Hartford	New Hartford	Pike
565	Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill	Pike
569	Time	Time	Pike
790	Pittsfield	Pittsfield	Pike
806	Nebo	Nebo	Pike
821	New Canton	New Canton	Pike
830	Rockport	Rockport	Pike
910	Hull	Hull	Pike
940	Pleasant View	Pearl	Pike
1000	Baylis	Baylis	Pike

Everett L. Lawrence, D.D.G.M., Hull.

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
1	Bodley	Quincy	Adams
39	Herman	Quincy	Adams
114	Marcelline	Marcelline	Adams
135	Lima	Lima	Adams
147	Clayton	Clayton	Adams
227	Columbus	Columbus	Adams
266	Kingston	Fairweather	Adams
267	La Prairie	Golden	Adams
296	Quincy	Quincy	Adams
297	Benjamin	Camp Point	Adams
379	Payson	Payson	Adams
380	Liberty	Liberty	Adams
449	Mendon	Mendon	Adams
529	Adams	Plainville	Adams
659	Lambert	Quincy	Adams
893	Loraine	Loraine	Adams

J. L. Klemme, D.D.G.M., Quincy.

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
792	Calhoun	Harden	Calhoun
856	West Gate	Hamburg	Calhoun
341	Full Moon	Grafton	Jersey
394	Jerseyville	Jerseyville	Jersey
592	Fieldon	Fieldon	Jersey
50	Carrollton	Carrollton	Greene
80	White Hall	White Hall	Greene
129	Greenfield	Greenfield	Greene
197	King Solomon	Kane	Greene
796	E. M. Husted	Roodhouse	Greene
105	Winchester	Winchester	Scott
229	Manchester	Manchester	Scott
424	Exeter	Exeter	Scott
846	Bluffs	Bluffs	Scott

Ralph M. Riggs, D.D.G.M., Winchester.

THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

No	Name.	Location.	County.
76	Mt. Nebo	Carlinville	Macoupin
151	Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill	Macoupin
152	Fidelity	Medora	Macoupin
161	Virden	Virden	Macoupin
171	Girard	Girard	Macoupin
177	Staunton	Staunton	Macoupin
212	Shipman	Shipman	Macoupin
214	Gillispie	Gillespie	Macoupin
249	Hibbard	Brighton	Macoupin
426	Scottville	Scottville	Macoupin
445	Chesterfield	Chesterfield	Macoupin
461	Plainview	Plainview	Macoupin
463	Palmyra	Palmyra	Macoupin
874	Nifong	Modesto	Macoupin

W. P. Wall, D.D.G.M., Staunton.

THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
51	Mount Moriah	Hillsboro	Montgomery
236	Chartered Oak	Litchfield	Montgomery
255	Donnelson	Donnellson	Montgomery
455	Irving	Irving	Montgomery
456	Nokomis	Nokomis	Montgomery
475	Walshville	Walshville	Montgomery
517	Litchfield	Litchfield	Montgomery
670	Fillmore	Fillmore	Montgomery
692	Raymond	Raymond	Montgomery
906	Coffeen	Coffeen	Montgomery
245	Greenville	Greenville	Bond
473	Gordon	Pocahontas	Bond
809	Gillham	Mulberry Grove	Bond
861	Sorento	Sorento	Bond

Walter R. McLean, D.D.G.M., Hillsboro.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
122	Mound	Taylorville	Christian
226	Pana	Pana	Christian
340	Kedron	Mount Auburn	Christian
451	Bromwell	Assumption	Christian
585	Fisher	Grove City	Christian
623	Locust	Owaneco	Christian
647	Blueville	Edinburg	Christian
681	Morrisonville	Morrisonville	Christian
53	Jackson	Shelbyville	Shelby
180	Mowequa	Moweaqua	Shelby
322	Windsor	Windsor	Shelby
392	Oconee	Oconee	Shelby
493	Tower Hill	Tower Hill	Shelby
541	Stewardson	Stewardson	Shelby
706	Joppa	Cowden	Shelby
831	Findlay	Findlay	Shelby
990	Clover Leaf	Herrick	Shelby

L. A. Tripp, D.D.G.M., Assumption.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
35	Charleston	Charleston	Coles
179	Wabash	Etna	Coles
219	Oakland	Oakland	Coles
260	Mattoon	Mattoon	Coles
390	Ashmore	Ashmore	Coles
396	Muddy Point	Trilla	Coles
788	Lerna	Lerna	Coles
332	Tuscola	Tuscola	Douglas
366	Arcola	Arcola	Douglas
369	Newman	Newman	Douglas
440	Camargo	Camargo	Douglas
825	Arthur	Arthur	Douglas
837	Hindsboro	Hindsboro	Douglas
885	Villa Grove	Villa Grove	Douglas
228	Lovington	Lovington	Moultrie
595	Miles Hart	Gays	Moultrie
764	Sullivan	Sullivan	Moultrie
884	Bethany	Bethany	Moultrie

S. A. Wright, D.D.G.M., Ashmore

THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
125	Greenup	Greenup	Cumberland
279	Neoga	Neoga	Cumberland
580	Hazel Dell	Hazel Dell	Cumberland
698	Hutton	Diona	Cumberland
834	Toledo	Toledo	Cumberland
133	Marshall	Marshall	Clark
313	York	York	Clark
442	Casey	Casey	Clark
603	Clark	Martinsville	Clark
620	Newhope	Cohn	Clark
77	Prairie	Paris	Edgar
148	Bloomfield	Chrisman	Edgar
268	Paris	Paris	Edgar
280	Kansas	Kansas	Edgar
408	Stratton	Vermilion	Edgar
743	Scott Land	Scottland	Edgar
829	Edgar	Hume	Edgar

Thos. Moyer, D.D.G.M., Paris.

FORTIETH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
216	Newton	Newton	Jasper
489	Cooper	Willow Hill	Jasper
883	Wheeler	Wheeler	Jasper
136	Hutsonville	Hutsonville	Crawford
250	Robinson	Robinson	Crawford
348	Flat Rock	Flat Rock	Crawford
644	Oblong City	Oblong	Crawford
666	Crawford	Eaton	Crawford
756	Hardinville	Hardinville	Crawford
849	Palestine	Palestine	Crawford
140	Olney	Olney	Richland
362	Noble	Noble	Richland
509	Parkersburg	Parkersburg	Richland

James Thos. Athey, D.D.G.M., Robinson

FORTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
149	Effingham	Effingham	Effingham
217	Mason	Mason	Effingham
484	Edgewood	Edgewood	Effingham
533	Altamount	Altamount	Effingham
578	Prairie City	Montrose	Effingham
602	Watson	Watson	Effingham
664	Mayo	Winterrowd	Effingham
665	Beecher City	Beecher City	Effingham
16	Temperance	Vandalia	Fayette
405	Ramsey	Ramsey	Fayette
601	Farina	Farina	Fayette
769	St. Elmo	St. Elmo	Fayette

David Wright, D.D.G.M,, Effingham.

FORTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
196	Louisville	Louisville	Clay
204	Flota	Flora	Clay
485	Xenia	Xenia	Clay
488	Clay City	Clay City	Clay
691	Iola	Iola	Clay
130	Marion	Salem	Marion
201	Centralia	Centralia	Marion
398	Kimundy	Kinmundy	Marion
503	Odin	Odin	Marion
510	J. D. Moody	Iuka	Marion
613	Patoka	Patoka	Marion
932	Sandoval	Sandoval	Marion
948	R. T. Casey	Kell	Marion
206	Fairfield	Fairfield	Wayne
331	Mount Erie	Mt. Erie	Wayne
460	Jeffersonville	Jeffersonville	Wayne
713	Johnsonville	Johnsonville	Wayne
759	Orel	Wayne City	Wayne
925	Molenna	Goldengate	Wayne

Thos. A. Doherty, D.D.G.M., Clay City.

FORTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
79	Scott	Carlye	Clinton
109	Trenton	Trenton	Clinton
25	Franklin	Alton	Madison
27	Piasa	Alton	Madison
99	Edwardsville	Edwardsville	Madison
355	Marine	Mar'ne	Madison
406	Bethalto	Bethalto	Madison
560	Madison	New Douglas	Madison
583	Highland	Highland	Madison
588	Troy	Troy	Madison
712	Collinsville	Collinsville	Madison
835	Triple	Granite City	Madison
877	Granite City	Granite City	Madison

Chas. W. Dean, D.D.G.M., Carlyle.

FORTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
24	St. Clair	Belleville	St. Clair
110	Lebanon	Lebanon	St. Clair
342	Summerfield	Summerfield	St. Clair
361	Douglas	Mascoutah	St. Clair
418	Freeburg	Freeburg	St. Clair
504	East St. Louis	East St. Louis	St. Clair
576	O'Fallon	O Fallon	St. Clair
852	Gothic	East St. Louis	St. Clair
881	Marissa	Marissa	St. Clair
474	Columbia	Columbia	Monroe
787	Morris	Waterloo	Monroe
72	Chester	Chester	Randolph
86	Kaskaskia	Evansville	Randolph
162	Hope	Sparta	Randolph
427	Red Bud	Red Bud	Randolph
497	Alma	Steeleville	Randolph

Samuel E. Grigg, D.D.G.M., Sparta.

FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
55	Washington	Nashville	Washington
153	Clay	Ashley	Washington
31	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson
368	Jefferson	Opdyke	Jefferson
696	Belle Rive	Belle Rive	Jefferson
721	Rome	Dix	Jefferson
64	Benton	Benton	Franklin
567	Frankfort	West Frankfort	Franklin
705	Ewing	Ewing	Franklin
744	Goode	Valier	Franklin
749	Akin	Thompsonville	Franklin
807	Royal	Macedonia	Franklin
918	Sesser	Sesser	Franklin
85	Mitchell	Pinckneyville	Perry
207	Tamaroa	Tamaroa	Perry
234	Du Quoin	Duquoin	Perry

Wainwright Davis, D.D.G.M., Mt. Vernon

FORTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
164	Edward Dobbins	Lawrenceville	Lawrence
334	Sumner	Sumner	Lawrence
386	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Lawrence
447	S. D. Monroe	Birds	Lawrence
912	Stellar	St. Francisville	Lawrence
356	Hermitage	Albion	Edwards
866	West Salem	West Salem	Edwards
239	Mount Carmel	Mount Carmel	Wabash
752	Allendale	Allendale	Wabash
200	Sheba	Grayville	White
272	Carmi	Carmi	White
668	Burnt Prairie	Burnt Prairie	White
677	Enfield	Enfield	White
718	May	Norris City	White

Chas. F. Stoll, D.D.G.M., Lawrenceville.

FORTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
137	Polk	McLeansboro	Hamilton
630	Tuscan	Walpole	Hamilton
963	Broughton	Broughton	Hamilton
967	Dahlgren	Dahlgren	Hamilton
128	Raleigh	Raleigh	Saline
325	Harrisburg	Harrisburg	Saline
458	Blazing Star	Carriers Mills	Saline
495	Stone Fort	Stonefort	Saline
684	Galatia	Galatia	Saline
730	Eldorado	Eldorado	Saline
2	Equality	Equality	Gallatin
14	Warren	Shawneetown	Gallatin
230	New Haven	New Haven	Gallatin
723	Omaha	Omaha	Gallatin
816	Ridgway	Ridgway	Gallatin
920	Cottonwood	Cottonwood	Gallatin

Geo. McKitrick, D.D.G.M., Harrisburg.

FORTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
241	Shekinah	Carbondale	Jackson
287	De Soto	De Soto	Jackson
434	Makanda	Makanda	Jackson
498	Murphysboro	Murphysboro	Jackson
657	La Fayette	Grand Tower	Jackson
695	Shiloh Hill	Campbell Hill	Jackson
833	Dean	Ava	Jackson
89	Fellowship	Marion	Williamson
487	Andrew Jackson	Corinth	Williamson
693	Herrins Prairie	Herrin	Williamson
719	Chapel Hill	Wolf Creek	Williamson
729	Lake Creek	Johnston City	Williamson
802	Williamson	Carterville	Williamson
817	Creal Springs	Creal Springs	Williamson

John Armstrong, D.D.G.M., Carbondale

FORTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
150	Vienna	Vienna	Johnson
336	New Columbia	Ganntown	Johnson
339	Saline	Goreville	Johnson
419	Reynoldsburg	Tunnel Hill	Johnson
772	New Burnside	New Burnside	Johnson
778	Gurney	Grantsburg	Johnson
822	Belknap	Belknap	Johnson
953	Stone Arch	Cypress	Johnson
111	Jonesboro	Jonesboro	Union
466	Cobden	Cobden	Union
520	Anna	Anna	Union
581	Dongola	Dongola	Union
627	Union	Lickcreek	Union
840	Alto Pass	Alto Pass	Union
237	Cairo	Cairo	Alexander

Chas. S. Bourque, D.D.G.M., Cairo

FIFTIETH DISTRICT.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.
276	Elizabeth	Elizabethtown	Hardin
444	Cave-in-Rock	Cave-in-Rock	Hardin
794	Tadmor	Karbers Ridge	Hardin
131	Golconda	Golconda	Pope
672	Eddyville	Eddyville	Pope
701	Temple Hill	Temple Hill	Pope
771	Bay City	Halmetsburg	Pope
91	Metropolis	Metropolis	Massac
232	Farmers	Brookport	Massac
47	Caledonia	Olmsted	Pulaski
562	Trinity	Mound City	Pulaski
660	Grand Chain	Grand Chain	Pulaski

E. J. Cowling, D.D G.M. Metropolis.

GERMAN SPEAKING LODGES

The following German speaking lodges are grouped together here for quick reference. They will also be found in their respective districts.

No.	Name	Dist. No.	Location
182	Germania	5th	Chicago
277	Accordia	2nd	Chicago
335	Schiller	20th	Peoria
410	Mithra	2nd	Chicago
557	Lessing	4th	Chicago
656	Mozart	26th	Bloomington
669	Herder	4th	Chicago
674	Waldeck	5th	Chicago
783	Constantia	5th	Chicago

John F. Schott, D.D.G.M., 3149 N. Racine Ave., Chicago.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	CHARTERED	BECAME DEF'T	REMARKS.
5	Far West	Galena	Jo Daviess	April 29, 1840		Charter was never issued
6	Columbus	Columbus	Adams	April 29, 1840	1845–6	Surrendered
10	Joliet	Joliet	Will	Oct. 5, 1841	Oct. 15, 1845	Revoked
11	Cass	Virginia	Cass	Oct. 4, 1842		Rescinded and continued U. D.
12	Rising Sun	Montrose	Iowa*	Oct. 4, 1843	Oct. 3, 1843	Suspended
18	La Fayette	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 2, 1843	Oct. 1864	Arrested
21	Warsaw	Warsaw	Hancock	Oct. 2, 1843	May 9, 1847	Surrendered
22	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Wisconsin*	Oct. 2, 1843		Transferred to Jurisdiction of Wisconsin
26	Hiram	Henderson	Knox	Oct. 7, 1844	March 22, 1902.	Arrested
28	Monroe	Waterloo	Monroe	Oct. 2, 1844	1874–5	Arrested
30	Morning Star	Canton	Fulton	Oct. 6, 1845	July, 1875	Arrested
32	Apollo	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 6, 1845	Oct. 1848	Surrendered
41	Far West	Galena	Jo Daviess	Oct. 8, 1846	Oct. 6, 1852	Forfeited
54	Reclamation	Nauvoo	Hancock	Oct. 2, 1848	July 5, 1882	Surrendered
56	Pittsfield	Pittsfield	Pike	Oct. 2, 1848	Oct. 27, 1886	Forfeited
62	Jerusalem	Oregon	Ogle	Oct. 3, 1848	Oct. 4, 1853	Forfeited
68	Naples	Naples	Scott	Oct. 2, 1849	Sept. 16, 1892	Arrested
70	Social	Hennepin	Putnam	Oct. 1849	Jan. 23, 1889	Surrendered
73	Batavia	Batavia	Kane	Oct. 1849	1859‡	Surrendered
82	Metamora	Metamora	Woodford	Oct. 8, 1850	1884–85	Surrendered
83	Iroquois	Middleport	Iroquois	Oct. 8, 1850	1856‡	No record
94	Morning Sun	Jerseyville	Jersey	Oct. 8, 1850	1862–63	Surrendered
101	Madison	Upper Alton	Madison	Oct. 6, 1851	1861–62	Surrendered
107	Fayette	Fayette	Greene	Oct. 6, 1851	Aug. 16, 1875	Arrested
112	Bureau	Princeton	Bureau	Oct. 2, 1851	Feb. 2, 1911	Consolidated with Princeton Lodge No. 587
120	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Morgan	Oct. 5, 1852	1854‡	No record
121	Cataract	St. Anthony's Falls	Minnesota	Oct. 5, 1852		Transferred to Jurisdiction of Minnesota
163	Westfield	Westfield	Clark	Oct. 3, 1855	Dec. 20, 1894	Surrendered
167	Oswego	Oswego	Kendall	Oct. 2, 1855	Feb. 7, 1859	Surrendered
181	Moultrie	Sullivan	Moultrie	Oct. 2, 1855	May 5, 1879	Arrested
184	Nebraska	Belleview	Nebraska*	Oct. 3, 1855		Transferred to Jurisdiction of Nebraska
186	Fort Armstrong	Rock Island	Rock Island	Oct. 6, 1856	March 9, 1863	Consolidated with Trio No. 57
191	Xenia	Xenia	Clay	Oct. 9, 1856	July 27, 1871	Surrendered
198	Grand View	Grand View / Dudley	Edgar	Oct. 6, 1856	Feb. 9, 1889	Surrendered
202	Sterling	Sterling	Whiteside	Oct. 6, 1856	1868	Annulled
215	Weir	Six Mile	Madison	Oct. 7, 1856	1861–2	Surrendered
223	Keeney	Edgington	Rock Island	Oct. 8, 1856	Jan. 12, 1889	Arrested
224	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant / St Anna / Farmer City	De Witt	Oct. 8, 1856	1870–71	No record
225	Owisco	Kankakee	Kankakee	Oct. 8, 1856	1862–63	Surrendered

242	Aegis	Annawan	Henry	Oct. 8, 1857	May 13, 1859	Arrested	
256	Algonquin	Algonquin	McHenry	Oct. 6, 1858	Jan. 21, 1880	Surrendered	
258	Bonus	Bonus	Boone	Oct. 6, 1865			
	Chemung	Chemung	McHenry		Aug. 26, 1885	Surrendered	
259	New Berlin	New Berlin	Sangamon	Oct. 6, 1858	1874	Surrendered	
281	Martinsville	Martinsville	Clark	Oct. 6, 1858	1865‡	No Record	
284	Alton	Alton	Madison	Oct. 6, 1858	May 4, 1874	Consolidated with Piasa No. 27	
289	Iroquois	Middleport	Iroquois	Oct. 7, 1858	1860‡	No record	
290	Cache	Mound City	Pulaski	Oct. 7, 1858	1875‡	No record	
299	Mechanicsburg	Mechanicsburg	Sangamon	Oct. 5, 1859	March 20, 1897	Arrested	
300	Hanover	Hanover	Jo Daviess	Oct. 5, 1859	Jan. 7, 1887	Surrendered	
304	Cement	Utica	La Salle	Oct. 5, 1859	1883	Surrendered	
315	Erwin	Alton	Madison	Oct. 5, 1859	Sept. 19, 1901	Consolidated with Piasa No. 27 as Piasa No. 27	
317	New Liberty	New Liberty	Pope	Oct. 5, 1859	Sept. 10, 1879	Arrested	
324	Waukegan	Waukegan	Lake	Oct. 5, 1859	Feb. 5, 1864	Cons'lid't'ed with Union No.78 as Waukegan No.78	
326	Chemung	Chemung	McHenry	Oct. 5, 1859	Dec. 23. 1861	Cons'lid't'ed with Bonus No.258 as Chemung No.258	
328	Grafton	Huntley	McHenry	Oct. 5, 1859	April 11, 1884	Surrendered	
329	Durham	Durham	Hancock	Oct. 2, 1860	1868-69	Surrendered	
338	Grand Detour	Grand Detour	Ogle	Oct. 2, 1860	1877-78	Arrested	
343	Arcturus	Polo	Ogle	Oct. 2, 1860	1863‡	No record	
357	Eddy	Kingston	Peoria	Oct. 2, 1860	1869‡	No record	
370	Middleton	Middleton	Wayne	Oct. 8, 1862	April 19, 1878	Consolidated with Belle Rive No. 696	
372	Galesburg	Galesburg	Knox	Oct. 8, 1862	Dec. 16, 1880	Surrendered	
375	Isaac Underhill	Secor	Woodford	Oct. 8, 1862	1874‡	No record	
376	Ash Grove	Ash Grove	Iroquois	Oct. 8, 1862	1869‡	No record	
377	Archimedes	Belleville	St. Clair	Oct. 8, 1863	April 8, 1889	Consolidated with St. Clair Lodge No. 24	
381	M. R. Thompson	Freeport	Stephenson	Oct. 8, 1863	Jan. 7, 1890	Consolidated with Excelsior Lodge No. 97	
387	Greenbush	Greenbush	Warren	Oct. 8, 1863	May 28, 1889	Arrested	
	Youngstown	Youngstown					
395	H.G. Reynolds	Whitefield	Bureau	Oct. 8, 1864	May 26, 1880	Surrendered	
400	Pacific	Knoxville	Knox	Oct. 5, 1864	March 24, 1896	Conso'd't'ed with Knoxville No. 66 as Pacific No.66	
407	Blue Grass	Blue Grass	Vermilion	Oct. 5, 1864	April 12, 1882	Arrested	
		Marysville					
412	Bollen	Spring Hill	Whiteside	Oct. 5, 1864	Dec. 20, 1915	Consolidated with Erie No. 667 as Erie No. 667	
413	Forreston	Forreston	Ogle	Oct. 5, 1864	Dec. 4, 1876	Consolidated with S. H. Davis Lodge No. 96	
425	Kaneville	Kaneville	Kane	Oct. 4, 1865	July, 1883	Surrendered	
435	Neponset	Neponset	Bureau	Oct. 4, 1865	July 12 1881	Surrendered	
438	H. W. Bigelow	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 4, 1865	March 27, 1875	Surrendered	
439	Luce	Quincy	Adams	Oct. 4, 1865	Jan. 17, 1889	Surrendered	
452	Grant	Richview	Washington	Oct. 4, 1865	July 21, 1887	Surrendered	
457	Moscow	Moscow	Union	Oct. 4, 1865	July 9, 1898	Arrested	
459	Butler	Butler	Montgomery	Oct. 3, 1866	May 18, 1887	Surrendered	
480	Logan	Lincoln	Logan	Oct. 3, 1866	Sept. 26, 1889	Consolidated with Lincoln No.210 as Logan No.210	
483	Belle City	Belle City	Hamilton	Oct. 3, 1866	March 27, 1880	Arrested	
491	Bath	Bath	Mason	Oct. 3, 1866	Dec. 19, 1895	Surrendered	
499	Mt. Zion	Mt. Zion	Macon	Oct. 3, 1866	1874-75	Consolidated with Ionic Lodge No. 312	
507	Manteno	Manteno	Kankakee	Oct. 3, 1866	March 14, 1878	Arrested	
511	Clintonville	South Elgin	Kane	Oct. 3, 1866	April 7, 1897	Consolidated with Elgin Lodge No. 117	

DEFUNCT LODGES.—*Continued.*

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	CHARTERED.	BECAME DEF'T	REMARKS.
513	Cold Spring	Cold Spring	Shelby	Oct. 1, 1867	July 27, 1882	Arrested
515	Dement	Dement	Ogle	Oct. 1, 1867	Jan. 25, 1886	Consolidated with Malta No. 320 as Creston No. 320
525	Delia	Elliottstown	Effingham	Oct. 1, 1867	Jan. 12, 1911	Consolidated with Mayo Lodge No. 664
543	Cordova	Cordova	Rock Island	Oct. 1, 1867	Dec. 17, 1915	Surrendered
545	Elkhart	Elkhart	Logan	Oct 1, 1867	Feb. 21, 1887	Surrendered
546	Nilwood	Nilwood	Macoupin	Oct. 1, 1867	1876–77	Surrendered
548	Apple River	Apple River	Jo Daviess	Oct. 1, 1867	March 4, 1898	Arrested
549	Newark	Newark	Kendall	Oct. 1, 1867	1884–5	Surrendered
551	Darwin	Darwin	Clark	Oct. 1, 1867	Aug. 25, 1887	Surrendered
553	Kyle	Macomb	McDonough	Oct. 1, 1867	1876–77	Surrendered
561	Trinity	Monmouth	Warren	Oct. 1, 1867	Jan. 28, 1886	Surrendered
563	Hamilton	Otterville	Jersey	Oct. 1, 1867	1886	
568	Delta	Cairo	Alexander	Oct. 1, 1867	Feb. 23, 1874	Consolidated with Cairo Lodge No. 237
571	Owisco	Kankakee	Kankakee	Oct. 1, 1867	1869	Surrendered
579	Elbridge	Ferrell	Edgar	Oct. 6, 1868	May 15, 1897	Surrendered
586	Tazewell	Delavan	Tazewell	Oct. 6, 1868	1874–75	Consolidated with Delavan Lodge No. 156
589	Elwood	Humbolt	Coles	Oct. 6, 1868	July 18, 1891	Surrendered
593	W. M. Egan	Jefferson	Cook	Oct. 6, 1868	Aug. 1872	Arrested
594	Lodi	Lodi	Kane	Oct. 6, 1868	April 19, 1876	Surrendered
596	National	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 6, 1868	March 13, 1894	Arrested
597	Lostant	Lostant	LaSalle	Oct. 6, 1868	Jan. 14, 1888	Surrendered
598	Dorchester	Dorchester	Macoupin	Oct. 6, 1868	Oct. 29, 1884	Surrendered
599	Fowler	Fowler	Adams	Oct 6, 1868	Feb. 24, 1879	Surrendered
605	Allen	Allen / Stanford	McLean	Oct 6, 1868	May 5, 1886	Arrested
606	Wapella	Wa ella	DeWitt	Oct. 6, 1868	May 26, 1874	Surrendered
615	Anchor	Mason	Mason	Oct. 5, 1869	1874–75	Consolidated with Mason City Lodge No. 403
619	Berwick	Cameron	Warren	Oct. 5, 1869	July 11, 1905	Arrested
621	Venice	Venice	Madison	Oct. 5, 1869	Aug. 21, 1886	Surrendered
624	Dubois	Dubois	Washington	Oct. 5, 1869	Sept. 1883	Surrendered
625	Melrose	Melrose	Clark	Oct. 5, 1869	May 4, 1877	Arrested
626	Putnam	Granville	Putnam	Oct. 5, 1869	Aug. 29, 1871‡	No record
628	Mosaic	Hudson	McLean	Oct. 5, 1869	Aug. 21, 1882	Arrested
629	Old Time	Havana	Mason	Oct. 5, 1869	Feb. 14, 1877	Consolidatedwith Havana Lodge No. 88
637	Burlington	Burlington	Kane	Oct. 6, 1869	Dec. 21, 1876	Surrendered
638	Fortitude	Sagetown	Henderson	Oct. 6, 1869	March 10, 1884	Arrested
640	Coleta	Coleta	Whiteside	Jan. 7, 1870	1874‡	No record
649	Hinsdale	Hinsdale	DuPage	Oct. 4, 1870	Feb. 16, 1895	Arrested
650	Irvington	Irvington	Washington	Oct. 4, 1870	Aug. 31 1891	Surrendered
652	Polar Star	Mulkeytown	Franklin	Oct. 4, 1870	Aug. 10 1888	Arrested
654	Woodford	ElPaso	Woodford	Oct. 4, 1870	March 5, 1877	Surrendered
661	Bethesda	Potosi / Colfax	Livingston / McLean	Oct. 5, 1870	March 1, 1886	Arrested

653	Phoenix	Mapleton	Peoria	Oct. 3, 1871	Feb. 12, 1901	Arrested
671	Farina	Farina	Marion	Oct. 3, 1871	April 1, 1880	Surrendered
678	Sheffield	Sheffield Rockbridge	Greene	Oct. 3, 1871	May 20, 1886	Arrested
689	Advance	Galva	Henry	Oct. 1, 1872	Nov. 28, 1876	Surrendered
694	Center	Pana	Christian	Oct. 1, 1872	Jan. 14, 1887	Surrendered
699	Libanus	Rosemond	Christian	Oct. 7, 1873	Sept. 21, 1875.	Arrested
703	St. Andrews	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 8, 1873	March 20, 1885.	Surrendered
707	Circle	Mattoon	Coles	Oct. 8, 1873	April 23, 1896	Consolidated with Mattoon Lodge No. 260
708	Lemont	Lemont	Cook	Oct. 8, 1873	Sept. 7, 1897	Surrendered
714	Newtown	Collison	Vermilion	Oct. 7, 1874		Consl'd with Hopewell No. 844 as Collison 714
720	Varna	Varna	Marshall	Oct. 7, 1874	May 13, 1882	Surrendered
736	Dennison	Dennison McKeen	Clark	Oct. 3, 1876	Dec. 22, 1888	Surrendered
740	Grant Park	Grant Park	Kankakee	Oct. 3, 1876	May 15, 1895	Surrendered
753	Cornell	Cornell	Livingston	Oct. 2, 1877	Sept. 1, 1888	Arrested
760	Bellflower	Bellflower	McLean	Oct. 5, 1881	July 13, 1886	Surrendered
775	Omega	Charleston	Coles	Oct. 6, 1886	Dec. 9, 1899	Consolidated with Charleston Lodge No. 35
781	Colchester	Colchester	McDonough	Oct. 6, 1886	Jan. 21, 1902	Consolidated with Tennessee Lodge No. 496 as Colchester Lodge, No. 496
785	Stanford	Stanford	McLean	Oct. 3, 1888	April 30, 1903.	Surrendered
828	Trinity	Mound City	Pulaski	Oct. 4, 1893	Jan. 1, 1896	Consol'd with Villa Ridge, No. 562 as Trinity No. 562
844	Hopewell	Hope	Vermilion	Oct. 30, 1895		Consol'd with Newtown No 714 as Collison 714

*State. †Constituted; no date given when chartered. ‡Records cease.

TABULAR STATEMENT—*Showing Amount of Dues, Number of Members, Increase, Decrease, and Amount of Charity.*

Lodge No.	NAME	Membership, 1915	INCREASE				Total Increase	DECREASE				Total Decrease	Present Membership 1916	Dues, 1916	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Membership Residing in Illinois	Members Residing Outside of Ill.	Contributed to Members, their Widows and Orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan
			Raised	Reinstated	Admitted	Added for Error		Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died / Ded. for Error												
1	Bodley	332	13	...	5	...	18	...	...	5	4 ...	9	341	340.00	3	17	17	274	67	125.00			
2	Equality	48	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	2	1 ...	3	47	47.00	...	1	1	42	5	10.00			
3	Harmony	253	12	1	...	...	13	...	...	3	4 ...	7	259	259.00	9	10	11	231	28	45.00			
4	Springfield	284	16	1	...	...	17	...	...	6	6 ...	12	289	289.00	9	17	15	249	40				
7	Friendship	272	36	...	7	...	43	...	...	6	2 ...	8	307	307.00	12	28	32	272	35				
8	Macon	718	54	...	5	...	59	6	...	4	11 ...	21	756	756.00	21	63	64	644	112	913.94	96.00		
9	Rushville	124	9	...	...	...	9	...	...	2	2 ...	4	129	129.00	...	6	7	121	8				
13	St. John's	133	13	...	...	...	13	...	...	3	5 ...	8	138	138.00	8	9	9	123	15	3.00	105.00		
14	Warren	67	4	...	1	...	5	9	...	2	... 1	12	60	60.00	2	7	5	45	15		13.85		
15	Peoria	604	31	5	4	...	40	6	...	4	10 ...	20	624	624.00	4	36	32	549	75	64.00	100.00		
16	Temperance	107	16	...	...	...	16	...	...	4	4 ...	8	115	115.00	2	20	16	104	11	6.00	.50		
17	Macomb	182	14	...	6	...	20	3	...	2	7 ...	12	190	190.00	2	19	13	170	20				
19	Clinton	175	6	3	2	...	11	...	...	...	4 ...	4	182	182.00	8	9	8	173	9	95.00			
20	Hancock	168	8	...	3	...	11	1	...	3	1 ...	5	174	174.00	1	5	5	153	21	29.00			
23	Cass	213	13	...	3	...	16	5	...	2	3 ...	10	219	219.00	3	15	13	195	24		16.00		
24	St. Clair	203	18	...	3	...	21	...	...	5	4 ...	9	215	215.00	11	16	18	198	17	400.00	25.00		
25	Franklin	129	24	...	1	...	25	1	...	1	1 ...	3	151	151.00	8	30	29	122	29				
27	Piasa	213	31	1	2	...	34	...	...	6	2 ...	8	239	238.00	13	24	27	206	33				
29	Pekin	147	8	1	1	...	10	4	...	6	2 ...	12	145	145.00	5	10	7	134	11				
31	Mt. Vernon	227	7	...	4	...	11	3	...	6	2 ...	11	227	227.00	2	12	9	207	20				
33	Oriental	595	52	5	2	...	59	11	...	12	21 ...	44	610	609.00	11	51	50	525	85	210.00		25.00	25.00
34	Barry	112	4	1	3	...	8	3	...	...	4 ...	7	113	113.00	2	4	4	93	20				
35	Charleston	204	21	1	4	...	26	1	...	5	2 ...	8	222	222.00	3	24	22	190	32	45.00		5.00	
36	Kavanaugh	69	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	2 ...	2	71	71.00	1	4	4	64	7				
37	Monmouth	210	25	1	2	...	28	1	...	3	3 ...	7	231	231.00	14	34	27	194	37	38.50	50.00		
38	Olive Branch	469	50	4	1	...	55	9	...	21	6 ...	36	488	488.00	14	47	50	410	78	75.85	13.90	10.00	10.00
39	Herman	156	13	...	...	...	13	...	...	1	1 ...	2	167	166.00	...	11	13	145	22				
40	Occidental	291	15	...	7	...	22	3	...	2	4 1	10	303	301.10	1	19	18	269	34	99.62	21.56		
42	Mt. Joliet	515	62	...	6	...	68	...	...	4	3 ...	7	576	576.00	11	62	63	506	70	224.00	25.00		
43	Bloomington	475	52	1	17	...	70	...	...	10	2 ...	12	533	533.00	7	53	52	503	30	125.00	40.00		
44	Hardin	119	1	1	2	...	4	...	...	3	1 ...	4	119	119.00	1	1	...	110	9	150.00			
45	Griggsville	70	1	1	2	...	4	2	...	...	2 ...	4	70	70.00	2	1	...	56	14	82.50			
46	Temple	1002	59	2	5	...	66	12	...	8	18 ...	38	1030	1025.00	11	65	58	897	133	529.50	25.00	25.00	

47	Caledonia	46	11				11	3	...	2	...	...	5	52	52.00	2	10	9	46	6				
48	Unity	117	21				21	...	...	...	2	...	2	136	136.00	3	24	21	123	13				
49	Cambridge	101	2				2	...	...	2	...	...	2	101	101.00	1	2	2	90	11	25.00			
50	Carrollton	148	2		2		4	...	...	1	3	...	4	148	148.00	2	5	4	136	12				
51	Mt. Moriah	166	18	1			19	2	...	2	2	...	6	179	179.00	10	20	20	163	16	40.00			
52	Benevolent	67	4	..			4	...	...	...	2	...	2	69	69.00	...	4	2	64	5				
53	Jackson	173	12	1	3		10	...	...	2	4	...	6	183	183.00	...	17	12	159	24	18.00	9.00		
55	Washington	86	9	1			10	...	...	...	1	...	1	95	95.00	2	12	9	79	16				
57	Trio	343	41		6	..	47	...	...	3	5	...	8	382	381.00	6	35	54	328	54	170.03			
58	Fraternal	121	4		4		8	1	...	1	2	...	4	125	125.00	5	6	4	116	9		20.00		
59	New Boston	101	4				4	...	...	...	...	...	..	105	105.00	5	7	4	94	11	86.60			
60	Belvidere	319	19	1	1		21	7	...	6	5	...	18	322	322.00	4	21	18	286	36	125.00			
61	Lacon	97	4	1	1		6	...	...	2	1	...	3	100	100.00	..	2	1	88	12	2.50			
63	St. Mark's	143	11	...	3		14	...	...	...	3	...	3	154	153.00	4	12	10	136	18	43.90			
64	Benton	128	12		4		16	...	...	...	1	...	1	143	143.00	3	7	12	131	12				
65	Euclid	122	19		5		24	...	...	2	...	...	2	144	144.00	4	22	18	128	16				
66	Pacific	63	8	1		3	12	...	...	...	2	...	2	73	73.00	1	8	8	65	8	3.00			
67	Acacia	170	20		5	...	25	6	...	3	1	...	10	185	185.00	6	16	18	170	15				
69	Eureka	74	8		1		9	...	...	2	1	...	3	80	80.00	2	6	6	65	15				
71	Central	337	11		2	..	13	1	...	4	1	...	6	344	343.00	4	12	11	320	24	25.00	5.00		
72	Chester	73	13		1		14	1	...	1	2	...	4	83	83.00	...	13	14	69	14				
74	Rockton	119	9				9	3	...	3	3	...	9	119	119.00	1	14	14	104	15				
75	Roscoe	89	5				5	...	...	...	2	...	2	92	92.00	1	5	5	71	21				
76	Mt. Nebo	127	10	1	2		13	...	...	3	5	...	8	132	132.00	5	13	11	113	19	7.50			
77	Prairie	263	6			1	7	...	...	3	6	...	9	261	261.00	2	4	4	215	46	55.00	10.00		
78	Waukegan	498	26	2	4		32	7	...	8	9	...	24	506	506.00	26	46	31	423	83	550.00			
79	Scott	73	2				2	...	...	1	...	...	1	74	74.00	1	3	2	64	10				
80	White Hall	103	6		1		7	...	...	...	2	...	2	108	108.00	2	7	6	100	8	110.00			
81	Vitruvius	80	4			1	5	...	...	...	1	...	1	84	84.00	...	4	4	75	9	30.00			
84	DeWitt	205	11		2		13	...	...	4	4	...	8	210	210.00	4	14	12	193	17	68.00			
85	Mitchell	115	5		1		6	3	...	2	2	...	7	114	114.00	1	4	4	105	9	238.10			
86	Kaskaskia	34	4				4	...	...	1	...	...	1	37	37.00	1	4	4	31	6				
87	Mt. Pulaski	92	8				8	2	...	1	3	...	6	94	94.00	1	7	7	91	3	37.00			
88	Havana	116	9		7		16	...	...	1	4	...	5	127	127.00	...	7	9	115	12	40.00	30.00		
89	Fellowship	145	6		3		9	1	...	4	4	...	9	145	145.00	3	4	5	141	4	50.00			
90	Jerusal'mTemple	382	55	2	6		63	5	...	6	4	1	16	429	429.00	12	60	49	404	25	120.07	17.84		
91	Metropolis	113	16				16	...	1	...	4	...	5	124	124.00	7	20	18	86	38				
92	Stewart	154	6		1		7	1	...	4	4	...	9	152	152.00	...	3	4	139	13				
93	Toulon	96	3		1		5	...	...	...	1	...	1	99	99.00	...	6	7	92	7				
95	Perry	59	3		...	1	4	...	...	...	3	...	3	60	60.00	1	3	3	54	6				
96	Samuel H. Davis	103	7		1		8	...	...	2	2	...	4	107	107.00	2	7	7	94	13	34.00			
97	Excelsior	442	17		2		19	7	...	6	6	...	19	442	442.00	2	14	16	368	74	37.80	42.68	10.00	
98	Taylor	99	14				14	...	...	...	3	...	3	110	110.00	...	13	12	105	5	36.50			
99	Edwardsville	160	17		1		18	...	...	3	1	...	4	174	174.00	4	20	18	151	23				
100	Astoria	85	3				3	...	...	...	2	...	2	86	86.00	...	..	3	77	9				
102	Rockford	500	60	6	5		71	1	...	3	9	1	14	557	557.00	4	68	61	485	72	129.60	37.35		
103	Magnolia	76	10				10	1	...	...	2	...	3	83	83.00	...	13	10	77	6				
104	Lewistown	90	10	1			11	...	...	...	1	...	1	100	100.00	2	9	11	92	8				

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			Raised	Reinstated	Admitted	Added for Error		Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died	Ded. for Error												
105	Winchester	93	8	...	1	...	9	...	...	1	2	...	3	99	99.00	2	4	6	93	6	50.00	10.00		
106	Lancaster	123	12	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	..	135	135.00	1	13	12	130	5	30.00			
108	Versailles	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	56	55.00	...	...	...	53	3				
109	Trenton	74	12	...	2	...	14	...	...	...	1	...	1	87	87.00	4	11	11	79	5	148.15			
110	Lebanon	49	2	...	2	1	5	...	...	...	2	...	2	52	52.00	1	5	4	36	16				
111	Jonesboro	76	5	...	1	...	6	5	...	1	3	...	9	73	73.00	...	4	4	64	9	60.00	10.00		
113	Robert Burns	111	3	...	3	...	6	...	...	1	2	...	3	114	114.00	1	4	3	91	23				
114	Marcelline	51	6	...	...	2	8	2	...	...	2	...	4	55	55.00	2	6	6	48	7				
115	Rising Sun	108	4	...	1	...	5	...	...	4	...	...	4	109	109.00	4	3	6	100	9				
116	Vermont	50	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	50	50.00	...	3	2	42	8		10.00		
117	Elgin	502	61	3	3	...	67	8	...	3	6	...	17	552	550.00	10	56	59	490	62	325.00		10.00	
118	Waverly	104	4	1	1	...	6	...	...	3	2	...	5	105	105.00	2	6	4	91	14				
119	Henry	84	10	...	...	...	10	1	...	1	4	...	6	88	88.00	2	9	8	81	7				
122	Mound	190	6	4	3	1	14	5	...	2	5	1	13	191	191.00	8	10	7	173	18	59.68			
123	Oquawka	51	3	...	2	...	5	...	...	1	2	...	3	53	53.00	2	2	3	43	10				
124	Cedar	184	6	...	...	1	7	4	...	...	2	...	6	185	185.00	1	7	5	165	20				
125	Greenup	79	7	...	1	...	8	...	...	...	2	...	2	85	85.00	...	6	6	76	9		75.00		
126	Empire	152	29	2	6	...	37	1	...	4	3	...	8	181	181.00	...	27	27	170	11	10.00			
127	Antioch	81	2	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	83	83.00	1	4	2	73	10			5.00	
128	Raleigh	64	3	1	...	...	4	2	...	1	1	1	5	63	63.00	1	1	2	55	8	25.00			
129	Greenfield	91	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	2	90	90.00	...	2	2	84	6				
130	Marion	177	7	1	1	...	9	1	...	5	3	...	9	177	177.00	1	8	6	149	28				
131	Golconda	93	8	...	2	...	10	...	...	2	3	...	5	98	98.00	2	6	1	80	18	24.00			
132	Mackinaw	66	2	...	1	...	3	1	1	3	...	...	5	64	64.00	...	3	2	55	9	13.55			
133	Marshall	136	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	1	4	...	5	137	137.00	3	3	5	106	31	50.00			
134	Sycamore	193	6	1	3	...	10	...	...	3	5	...	8	195	195.00	5	8	7	171	24				
135	Lima	64	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	67	66.00	...	4	4	55	12				
136	Hutsonville	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	43	43.00	1	2	2	29	14				
137	Polk	98	1	...	3	...	4	...	...	2	1	...	3	99	99.00	...	1	1	84	15	1.50			
138	Marengo	103	14	...	...	...	14	...	1	1	2	...	4	113	113.00	...	7	13	107	6				
139	Geneva	84	7	...	1	...	8	...	...	1	1	...	2	90	90.00	...	10	7	77	13				
140	Olney	127	12	...	3	...	15	...	...	...	2	...	2	140	140.00	1	10	15	112	28				
141	Garden City	1533	79	5	6	...	90	11	...	29	12	...	52	1571	1571.00	19	87	91	1411	160	1336.31	311.65	25.00	25.00

142	Ames	78	5	...	...	...	5	3	...	...	4	...	7	76	76.00	...	9	5	70	6					
143	Richmond	82	5	1	1	...	7	2	...	2	2	...	6	83	83.00	1	5	5	74	9					
144	DeKalb	201	11	...	1	1	13	14	...	3	...	...	17	197	197.00	4	16	11	190	7	36.25				
145	A. W. Rawson	80	5	...	1	...	6	...	...	1	2	...	3	83	83.00	1	6	5	71	12					
146	Lee Center	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	65	65.00	...	...	...	51	14					
147	Clayton	75	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	2	76	76.00	...	4	4	62	14	10.00			10.00	
148	Bloomfield	157	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	2	3	...	5	156	156.00	...	4	5	139	17					
149	Effingham	101	9	...	2	...	11	...	...	1	5	...	6	106	106.00	4	13	12	85	21		12.00			
150	Vienna	89	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	2	90	90.00	1	3	3	76	14					
151	Bunker Hill	87	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	3	85	84.00	...	1	1	69	16					
152	Fidelity	62	7	...	2	...	9	1	...	...	1	...	2	69	69.00	1	6	6	61	8	6.00				
153	Clay	102	11	...	1	1	13	3	...	3	...	...	6	109	109.00	2	13	11	86	23	51.00				
154	Russell	120	5	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	125	125.00	...	5	5	110	15					
155	Alpha	245	23	1	3	...	27	2	...	8	3	1	14	258	258.00	1	26	23	219	39	100.00				
156	Delavan	114	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	3	...	4	115	115.00	..	7	6	105	10	11.85	5.00	5.00		
157	Urbana	425	32	...	1	...	33	3	...	9	5	...	17	441	441.00	4	31	34	358	83	172.00				
158	McHenry	94	9	...	1	...	10	...	...	1	...	...	1	103	103.00	1	10	9	86	17					
159	Kewanee	218	16	...	3	...	19	...	...	4	4	...	8	229	229.00	3	15	16	206	23	20.00				
160	Waubansia	448	47	3	2	...	52	6	...	18	11	...	35	465	465.00	20	47	31	426	39	945.71		25.00	25.00	
161	Virden	151	8	1	...	...	9	3	...	4	2	...	9	151	151.00	3	7	7	125	26					
162	Hope	101	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	...	3	99	99.00	...	...	...	82	17		4.00			
164	Edward Dobbins	149	7	2	1	...	10	2	...	5	1	...	8	151	151.00	...	9	6	110	41	83.50				
165	Atlanta	102	6	...	1	...	7	...	...	5	1	...	6	103	103.00	...	8	7	95	8	176.90				
166	Star in the East	610	72	1	25	...	98	...	...	10	3	...	13	695	695.00	20	101	71	602	93		24.00			
168	Milford	88	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	3	...	...	3	87	87.00	...	3	3	72	15					
169	Nunda	105	6	...	3	2	11	...	...	2	2	1	5	111	111.00	2	10	9	105	6	25.00	5.00			
170	Evergreen	247	16	...	2	...	18	...	...	3	5	...	8	257	255.00	2	14	14	225	32	210.30				
171	Girard	99	3	1	...	1	5	5	...	3	1	...	9	95	95.00	2	2	3	76	19					
172	Wayne	58	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	60	60.00	2	6	6	52	8					
173	Cherry Valley	60	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	3	2	...	7	54	54.00	1	...	...	47	7					
174	Lena	65	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	1	2	...	3	65	64.00	...	1	1	59	6	20.00				
175	Matteson	460	21	4	6	...	31	...	...	7	5	...	12	479	479.00	6	26	21	419	60	345.00				
176	Mendota	122	14	...	4	...	18	...	...	3	2	1	6	134	133.00	4	15	17	119	15			10.00		
177	Staunton	227	14	...	3	...	17	1	...	2	...	...	3	241	241.00	3	17	15	204	37		15.00			
178	Illinois Central	121	5	...	1	...	6	...	...	3	2	...	5	122	121.00	3	9	9	108	14	65.51				
179	Wabash	48	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	2	...	3	47	47.00	3	3	2	44	3					
180	Moweaqua	91	11	1	2	...	14	...	...	...	2	2	4	101	101.00	2	14	12	92	9					
182	Germania	398	33	...	1	...	34	...	...	2	12	...	14	418	418.00	7	28	33	398	20	436.00	279.35	15.00		
183	Meridian	63	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	2	64	63.00	...	6	5	59	5					
185	Abingdon	97	12	...	5	...	17	...	...	7	2	...	9	105	105.00	...	17	14	98	7					
187	Mystic Tie	83	4	...	1	1	6	1	...	1	...	1	3	86	86.00	...	5	4	72	14					
188	Cyrus	122	13	...	...	...	13	...	...	4	...	...	4	131	131.00	...	14	13	110	21					
189	Fulton City	85	4	1	1	...	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	90	90.00	1	5	4	69	21	20.00				
190	Dundee	175	10	...	2	...	12	...	...	2	3	...	5	182	182.00	1	10	11	145	37		10.00			
192	Farmington	138	5	...	1	...	6	...	...	4	5	...	9	135	135.00	4	4	4	121	14	74.96				
193	Herrick	41	2	...	2	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	44	44.00	1	4	4	32	12					
194	Freedom	56	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	59	59.00	...	4	4	56	3	35.00				
195	La Harpe	136	6	...	1	5	12	...	...	2	...	...	2	146	146.00	1	15	6	126	20					

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196	Louisville	76	2	1	...	...	3	...	...	2	1	...	3	76	76.00	...	2	2	54	22				
197	King Solomon	67	5	1	...	...	6	...	...	3	1	...	4	69	69.00	2	4	5	57	12				
199	Homer	105	6	1	...	1	8	...	...	2	3	...	5	108	108.00	1	3	7	101	7				
200	Sheba	64	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	2	...	3	64	64.00	1	6	5	56	8				
201	Centralia	232	15	...	4	...	19	6	...	3	4	...	13	238	238.00	3	18	14	193	45	236.04	41.98		
203	Lavely	81	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	81	81.00	...	2	1	78	3				
204	Flora	113	5	...	1	...	6	...	...	2	...	...	2	117	117.00	1	11	8	93	24				
205	Corinthian	65	6	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	2	...	3	68	67.00	1	5	5	61	7	68.00			
206	Fairfield	129	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	2	7	...		124	124.00	...	6	4	110	14	11.00			
207	Tamaroa	62	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	1	3	...	4	60	60.00	...	...	...	47	13	60.00			
208	Wilmington	111	4	...	2	...	6	...	...	2	6	...	8	109	109.00	2	9	8	91	18	22.50			
209	Wm. B. Warren	618	65	2	4	...	71	7	...	9	8	...	24	665	664.00	1	67	65	585	80	1297.45			
210	Logan	211	20	1	6	...	27	4	...	3	6	1	14	224	224.00	7	10	11	193	31				
211	Cleveland	823	53	5	2	...	60	6	...	9	13	...	28	855	854.00	9	54	54	745	110	424.03	75.00	25.00	25.00
212	Shipman	56	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	58	58.00	...	1	1	51	7				
213	Ipava	80	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	2	...	4	77	77.00	...	2	2	66	11				
214	Gillespie	103	14	...	4	...	18	...	...	1	1	...	2	119	119.00	5	11	13	100	19				
216	Newton	105	4	1	6	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	116	116.00	..	7	7	102	14				
217	Mason	60	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	3	58	58.00	1	...	...	49	9				
218	New Salem	39	4	...	1	...	5	1	...	1	...	...	2	42	42.00	...	5	4	37	4				
219	Oakland	126	5	...	...	2	7	6	...	4	3	...	13	120	120.00	...	7	5	114	6	93.87			
220	Mahomet	66	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	3	64	64.00	...	3	1	59	5				
221	LeRoy	79	20	...	...	...	20	...	...	2	...	...	2	97	97.00	3	25	20	93	4				
222	Geo. Washington	130	9	...	2	...	11	2	...	2	1	...	5	136	136.00	6	11	9	120	16				
226	Pana	228	8	...	3	...	11	2	...	4	3	1	10	229	229.00	...	8	9	197	32	50.00			
227	Columbus	24	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	27	27.00	..	3	4	23	4				
228	Lovington	99	8	...	1	...	9	...	...	3	3	...	6	102	102.00	2	6	6	96	6				
229	Manchester	76	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	2	77	77.00	...	1	3	71	6	10.00			
230	New Haven	68	3	...	1	...	4	4	...	1	1	...	6	66	66.00	...	3	3	58	8	25.00			
231	Wyanet	42	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	1	44	44.00	..	6	6	40	4			5.00	
232	Farmers	56	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	2	57	57.00	2	4	4	49	8				
233	Blandinsville	105	2	...	4	...	6	...	...	3	1	...	4	107	107.00	...	1	2	95	13				
234	DuQuoin	129	7	...	...	...	7	2	...	4	1	...	7	129	129.00	6	3	5	111	18	134.50			
235	Dallas City	97	7	...	1	...	8	...	...	1	...	...	1	104	104.00	...	5	11	87	17				

236	Charter Oak	109	10	1	1	...	12	...	...	3	5	...	8	113	113.00	4	11	9	90	23	18.00			
237	Cairo	210	23	...	4	...	27	...	..	2	5	...	7	230	230.00	4	21	23	182	48	258.17	142.30	5.00	5.00
238	Black Hawk	110	3	...	2	...	5	1	...	1	1	...	3	112	112.00	...	3	3	85	27				
239	Mt. Carmel	248	6	3	2	...	11	...	...	10	5	...	15	244	244.00	4	10	8	198	46	162.00	34.39		
240	Western Star	440	46	1	13	...	60	13	...	18	6	...	37	463	462.00	3	48	47	409	54	138.44			
241	Shekinah	222	15	...	4	...	19	1	...	7	2	...	10	236	231.00	6	10	13	182	49	30.00			
243	Galva	128	3	...	2	...	5	...	...	1	2	...	3	130	129.00	...	1	1	117	13				
244	Horicon	148	16	...	8	...	24	1	...	6	...	...	7	165	165.00	1	14	16	150	15		25.00		
245	Greenville	140	11	...	2	...	13	...	...	3	2	...	5	148	148.00	...	8	10	137	11	155.00	40.00	5.00	5.00
246	El Paso	158	6	1	3	...	10	...	...	3	3	...	6	162	162.00	...	7	4	141	21				
247	Rob Morris	78	7	...	...	...	7	2	...	2	...	...	4	81	81.00	2	7	7	71	10	25.00			
248	Golden Gate	68	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	3	2	...	5	64	64.00	1	..	...	51	13	21.00	5.00		
249	Hibbard	43	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	42	42.00	2	1	1	36	6				
250	Robinson	158	3	2	2	...	7	2	...	1	3	...	6	159	159.00	...	7	4	123	36				
251	Heyworth	106	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	4	1	...	5	105	105.00	3	5	5	95	10				
252	Aledo	171	10	...	2	...	12	...	...	1	4	...	5	178	178.00	3	9	12	161	17				
253	Avon Harmony	50	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	1	2	...	3	50	50.00	...	3	4	40	10				
254	Aurora	406	28	3	13	...	44	2	...	4	6	...	12	438	437.00	4	32	31	390	48	47.70	7.45		
255	Donnelson	53	6	1	1	...	8	1	...	1	...	...	2	59	59.00	1	5	6	54	5				
257	Warsaw	73	2	1	...	...	3	...	...	3	1	...	4	72	72.00	1	3	4	54	18				
260	Mattoon	332	15	1	1	1	18	...	...	7	4	...	11	339	339.00	13	21	15	277	62	35.30	1.42		5.00
261	Amon	47	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	2	48	48.00	5	2	2	44	4	30.00	5.00		
262	Channahon	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	5	32	32.00	...	..	...	28	4				
263	Illinois	503	30	3	5	...	38	10	...	6	3	...	19	522	522.00	4	29	29	471	51	35.00			
264	Franklin Grove	35	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	2	...	3	35	35.00	...	1	2	31	4	5.00			
265	Vermilion	50	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	2	...	2	54	54.00	2	7	6	51	3	100.00			
266	Kingston	60	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	2	59	59.00	...	...	1	56	3				
267	La Prairie	52	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	52	52.00	2	..	2	47	5				
268	Paris	253	26	...	3	...	29	1	...	2	4	...	7	275	275.00	5	30	27	228	47	29.12	7.89		
269	Wheaton	170	17	2	5	...	24	3	...	10	1	...	14	180	180.00	3	22	23	165	15	117.50			
270	Levi Lusk	32	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	2	31	31.00	...	...	..	28	3				
271	Blaney	356	37	...	1	...	38	6	...	9	9	...	24	370	370.00	4	43	40	328	42	394.73	17.80		
272	Carmi	91	7	...	...	...	7	...	...	1	1	...	2	96	96.00	3	8	9	82	14				
273	Miners	188	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	3	3	...	6	185	185.00	1	5	2	157	28		10.00		
274	Byron	92	3	...	4	...	7	3	...	...	...	...	3	96	96.00	1	6	2	87	9				
275	Milton	43	5	...	...	1	6	...	...	2	...	...	2	47	47.00	2	4	5	41	6				
276	Elizabeth	43	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	45	45.00	...	2	...	40	5				
277	Accordia	223	28	...	...	...	28	1	...	5	6	...	12	239	239.00	2	27	33	229	10	186.00	124.50	10.00	10.00
278	Jo Daviess	156	5	...	1	...	6	...	...	2	3	...	5	157	157.00	3	5	5	127	30		10.00		
279	Neoga	111	9	...	1	...	10	...	...	4	1	...	5	116	116.00	...	8	9	103	13				
280	Kansas	86	4	...	...	1	5	...	...	4	1	...	5	86	86.00	2	4	4	81	5				
282	Brooklyn	71	12	...	...	...	12	2	...	...	...	1	3	80	80.00	3	16	12	73	7				
283	Meteor	119	2	1	1	...	4	2	1	2	.	1	6	117	117.00	4	5	2	103	14	5.00			
285	Catlin	124	10	1	1	...	12	2	...	2	1	...	5	131	131.00	2	9	10	123	8				
286	Plymouth	71	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	...	5	67	67.00	...	2	2	61	6				
287	De Soto	137	10	...	...	...	10	...	...	5	2	...	7	140	140.00	6	13	10	139	1				
288	Genoa	112	7	...	3	...	10	...	...	5	2	...	7	115	115.00	...	9	8	102	13				
291	Wataga	40	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	2	39	39.00	...	2	...	34	5	10.00	5.00		

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Lodge No.	NAME	Membership, 1915	INCREASE				Total Increase	DECREASE					Total Decrease	Present Membership 1916	Dues, 1916	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Membership Residing in Illinois	Members Residing Outside of Ill.	Contributed to Members, their Widows and Orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan
			Raised	Reinstated	Admitted	Added for Error		Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died	Ded. for Error												
292	Chenoa	114	7	...	...	...	7	...	...	2	2	...	4	117	117.00	1	8	7	110	7				
293	Prophetstown	74	1	...	3	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	77	77.00	...	...	1	70	7				
294	Pontiac	201	14	...	2	...	16	...	...	6	7	1	14	203	203.00	6	14	12	175	28	100.00			
295	Dills	42	2	...	1	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	2	43	43.00	...	1	1	37	6				
296	Quincy	203	12	1	1	...	14	1	...	5	2	...	8	209	209.00	...	10	12	151	58	29.50	14.00		
297	Benjamin	125	3	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	2	...	4	124	124.00	...	3	3	103	21				
298	Wauconda	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	54	54.00	...	...	...	48	6	12.00			
301	Hinckley	91	15	...	1	...	16	...	...	1	2	...	3	104	104.00	2	13	13	96	8	80.00			
302	Durand	77	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	77	77.00	4	1	1	72	5				
303	Raven	65	4	1	2	...	7	...	...	1	...	...	1	71	71.00	...	5	4	67	4				
305	Onarga	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	3	72	72.00	2	...	...	64	8				
306	Wm. C. Hobbs	90	8	...	1	...	9	...	...	1	1	...	2	97	97.00	4	4	5	84	13		30.00		
307	T. J. Picket	124	6	...	3	...	9	...	...	3	1	...	4	129	129.00	1	4	7	118	11				10.00
308	Ashlar	790	35	3	1	...	39	4	...	22	16	...	42	787	786.00	11	38	40	645	142	1025.69	158.00		
309	Harvard	252	12	...	4	...	16	...	...	6	3	...	9	259	259.00	...	12	15	233	26				
310	Dearborn	928	51	4	2	...	57	10	...	11	14	...	35	950	950.00	11	52	56	827	123	701.27			
311	Kilwinning	771	26	2	1	...	29	10	...	8	11	...	29	771	770.00	4	24	26	681	90	114.00	38.50		
312	Ionic	547	53	2	2	...	57	11	2	11	7	...	31	573	573.00	29	55	59	491	82	90.00	55.50	5.00	
313	York	80	4	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	1	84	84.00	4	4	4	77	7				
314	Palatine	107	14	...	1	...	15	...	...	1	...	...	1	121	121.00	1	12	14	114	7				
316	Abraham Jonas	47	5	...	1	...	6	...	...	1	1	...	2	51	51.00	1	6	6	48	3				
318	J. L. Anderson	105	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	3	105	105.00	...	2	3	87	18	80.00			
319	Doric	408	29	...	2	1	32	...	...	2	5	1	8	432	431.00	5	31	29	365	67	254.86			
320	Creston	52	2	1	2	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	1	56	56.00	...	4	2	52	4				
321	Dunlap	114	7	...	1	...	8	...	...	...	3	...	3	119	119.00	...	10	8	104	15				
322	Windsor	66	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	2	67	67.00	...	3	3	63	4				
323	Orient	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	33	33.00	...	1	...	28	5				
325	Harrisburg	219	28	1	1	...	30	2	...	...	2	...	4	245	245.00	11	29	31	225	20		8.20		
327	Industry	66	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	..	69	69.00	1	5	4	66	3	30.00			
330	Altona	52	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	2	1	...	3	53	53.00	...	3	1	41	12				
331	Mt. Erie	39	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	40	40.00	...	1	1	40	...				
332	Tuscola	170	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	2	7	...	9	167	167.00	1	9	6	139	28				
333	Tyrian	283	20	...	2	...	22	3	...	1	5	...	9	296	296.00	13	21	20	262	34	61.00			
334	Sumner	109	9	...	...	...	9	...	...	3	2	...	5	113	112.00	3	7	7	92	21				

335	Schiller	137	8	...	4	...	12	1	...	...	2	...	3	146	146.00	2	8	8	130	16	65.00	10.00		
336	New Columbia	79	4	1	2	2	9	...	...	2	...	...	2	86	86.00	...	4	4	80	6	10.00			
337	Oneida	70	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	2	...	4	68	68.00	1	4	2	62	6	35.00			
339	Saline	56	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	2	55	55.00	...	2	1	54	1	12.00			
340	Kedron	43	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	44	44.00	...	2	5	43	1				
341	Full Moon	78	3	...	2	...	5	...	...	1	1	...	2	81	81.00	1	2	3	66	15				
342	Summerfield	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	4	23	23.00	...	...	...	19	4	25.00			
344	Wenona	61	13	...	3	...	16	2	...	2	...	...	4	73	73.00	...	14	13	68	5				
345	Milledgeville	104	3	...	4	...	7	...	...	1	2	...	3	108	107.00	3	7	4	98	10				
346	N. D. Morse	48	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	3	47	47.00	...	2	2	45	2				
347	Sidney	53	...	...	...	1	1	4	...	2	1	...	7	47	47.00	...	1	1	40	7				
348	Flat Rock	99	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	2	...	4	98	98.00	...	7	5	73	25				
349	Sublette	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	28	28.00	...	...	1	26	2				
350	Fairview	69	7	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	..	76	76.00	...	7	7	73	3				
351	Tarbolton	139	12	...	1	...	13	...	...	1	2	...	3	149	149.00	3	10	11	132	17				
352	Groveland	48	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	53	53.00	...	8	7	48	5				
353	Kinderhook	55	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	56	56.00	...	...	...	47	9				
354	Ark and Anchor	112	5	...	1	...	6	1	...	...	1	1	3	115	115.00	3	6	6	104	11	75.15			
355	Marine	48	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	49	49.00	1	2	2	31	18			5.00	5.00
356	Hermitage	91	7	...	9	...	16	...	...	1	2	...	3	104	104.00	...	9	7	94	10	32.00			
358	Orion	49	...	2	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	3	48	48.00	...	...	...	41	7				
359	Blackberry	96	7	...	1	...	8	...	...	1	...	...	1	103	103.00	2	7	6	89	14	25.00			
360	Princeville	87	5	...	...	...	5	1	...	2	...	1	4	88	88.00	1	8	4	79	9				
361	Douglas	50	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	2	49	49.00	...	3	2	41	8				
362	Noble	56	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	56	56.00	2	2	2	50	6	30.00	5.00		
363	Horeb	107	7	1	1	...	9	...	...	1	1	...	2	114	114.00	1	7	6	102	12	6.35			
364	Tonica	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	55	55.00	...	...	...	48	7				
365	Bement	110	15	...	2	...	17	...	...	1	4	...	5	122	122.00	...	13	15	111	11				
366	Arcola	141	6	1	2	...	9	2	...	3	1	...	6	144	144.00	...	9	6	132	12	56.68			
367	Oxford	69	3	2	1	...	6	5	...	2	2	...	9	66	66.00	2	2	3	60	6	25.00			
368	Jefferson	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	57	57.00	...	1	...	52	5				
369	Newman	108	6	...	1	...	7	...	...	1	3	...	4	111	111.00	4	6	6	97	14				
371	Livingston	107	8	...	...	...	8	...	...	1	1	1	3	112	112.00	1	5	6	99	13	38.50	5.00		
373	Chambersburg	29	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	2	29	29.00	1	2	1	29	...				
374	Shabbona	83	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	2	1	3	83	83.00	4	3	3	74	9	27.63			
378	Aroma	65	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	1	...	2	67	67.00	2	6	4	56	11				
379	Payson	81	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	1	1	...	4	79	79.00	1	2	2	67	12				
380	Liberty	40	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	4	36	36.00	...	1	...	30	6				
382	Gill	36	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	37	37.00	...	1	1	30	7				
383	LaMoille	68	3	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	..	72	72.00	...	2	2	59	13				
384	Waltham	62	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	64	64.00	...	2	2	60	4				
385	Mississippi	206	8	...	5	...	13	1	...	5	4	...	10	209	209.00	3	8	8	160	49	18.00			
386	Bridgeport	170	17	...	...	...	17	...	...	2	1	...	3	184	184.00	2	12	16	122	62	10.00			
388	El Dara	50	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	51	51.00	2	...	...	46	5				
389	Kankakee	332	23	1	4	...	28	2	...	9	3	...	14	346	346.00	7	23	23	298	48	10.00	2.43		
390	Ashmore	73	2	...	1	...	3	2	...	...	2	1	5	71	71.00	...	3	2	62	9				
391	Tolono	88	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	2	89	89.00	...	3	3	80	9				
392	Oconee	61	2	...	1	...	3	1	...	3	1	...	5	59	59.00	...	2	2	50	9				

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393	Blair	670	36	7	...	...	43	1	...	34	3	...	38	675	675.00	17	29	35	613	62	165.00		25.00	50.00
394	Jerseyville	125	8	...	1	...	9	...	...	...	4	...	4	130	130.00	4	16	10	88	42	92.60			
396	Muddy Point	36	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	37	37.00	...	1	1	35	2				
397	Shiloh	54	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	55	55.00	...	1	1	47	8				
398	Kinmundy	126	5	...	1	...	6	3	...	2	2	...	7	125	125.00	...	8	5	113	12	150.00			
399	Buda	51	2	...	1	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	54	54.00	...	2	2	50	4				
401	Odell	63	3	...	1	...	4	1	...	3	1	...	5	62	62.00	...	1	3	49	13	10.00			
402	Kishwaukee	54	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	56	56.00	1	2	2	55	1	5.29			
403	Mason City	134	10	...	...	...	10	...	...	1	4	...	5	139	139.00	2	15	10	124	15				
404	Batavia	128	25	...	3	...	28	4	...	2	5	...	11	145	145.00	4	15	15	124	21	292.34			84.00
405	Ramsey	81	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	2	1	...	4	79	79.00	3	2	1	73	6				
406	Bethalto	35	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	37	37.00	...	2	1	29	8				
408	Stratton	79	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	80	80.00	1	2	...	67	13				
409	Thos. J. Turner	525	30	...	2	...	32	8	...	10	13	...	31	526	526.00	17	37	38	469	57	424.50	112.50	10.00	
410	Mithra	202	37	...	...	...	37	1	...	2	6	...	9	230	230.00	8	42	43	226	4	60.00	280.00		
411	Hesperia	703	21	10	...	...	31	8	...	7	16	...	31	703	702.00	4	17	17	610	93	945.00	110.00	15.00	
414	Evening Star	53	...	...	1	1	2	1	...	1	...	...	2	53	53.00	...	...	...	44	9				
415	Lawn Ridge	45	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	2	46	46.00	...	2	2	40	6	15.00			
416	Paxton	117	24	1	1	...	26	4	...	3	...	...	7	136	136.00	2	24	24	123	13				
417	Marseilles	120	7	...	...	...	7	...	...	3	1	...	4	123	123.00	2	6	1	105	18	10.00			
418	Freeburg	48	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	2	...	4	46	46.00	2	3	2	42	4				
419	Reynoldsburg	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	28	28.00	...	2	...	26	2				
420	Oregon	167	2	1	1	...	4	...	...	1	3	...	4	167	167.00	...	5	1	152	15	25.00			
421	Washburn	76	1	...	...	...	1	3	...	1	1	...	5	72	72.00	1	3	1	66	6	13.15			
422	Landmark	720	18	1	1	...	20	5	...	17	10	...	32	708	708.00	9	24	19	625	83	411.60	167.90		
423	Lanark	76	4	1	...	3	8	5	...	1	...	...	6	78	78.00	...	2	4	67	11				
424	Exeter	33	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	32	32.00	...	...	...	27	5				
426	Scottville	84	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	2	84	84.00	2	6	6	76	8				
427	Red Bud	33	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	36	36.00	...	3	4	31	5				
428	Sunbeam	95	3	1	...	1	5	1	...	1	1	...	3	97	97.00	...	1	2	87	10				
429	Chebanse	48	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	48	48.00	...	2	1	48	...				
430	Kendrick	47	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	48	48.00	2	...	1	43	5	50.00			
431	Summit	79	3	...	1	1	5	1	...	2	...	...	3	81	81.00	...	5	5	71	10				

432	Murrayville	68	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	1	...	3	67	66.00	1	3	2	60	7	17.00	5.00		
433	Atkinson	84	2	1	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	2	85	85.00	2	4	2	75	10				
434	Makanda	61	6	4	...	...	10	3	...	...	2	...	5	66	65.00	...	4	4	59	7				
436	Philo	66	1	1	2	...	4	...	...	2	1	...	3	67	67.00	...	...	...	59	8				
437	Chicago	593	21	2	...	...	23	1	...	12	7	...	20	596	596.00	3	18	21	535	61	632.47	59.35	25.00	25.00
440	Camargo	62	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	1	1	5	58	58.00	...	4	3	43	15				
441	Sparland	38	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3	2	5	35	35.00	...	5	1	32	3				
442	Casey	111	3	1	1	...	5	...	...	1	1	...	2	114	114.00	1	5	4	89	25				
443	Hampshire	95	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	100	99.00	...	5	6	92	8				
444	Cave-in-Rock	50	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	1	52	52.00	1	2	2	42	10				
445	Chesterfield	47	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	47	47.00	...	...	3	40	7				
446	Watseka	142	19	1	2	...	22	1	...	1	2	...	4	160	159.00	2	21	21	144	16				
447	S. D. Monroe	45	11	...	...	...	11	...	...	1	...	...	1	55	55.00	...	8	8	38	17				
448	Yates City	69	1	...	...	...	1	2	...	2	1	2	7	63	63.00	...	2	1	56	7				
449	Mendon	74	9	...	2	...	11	...	...	1	2	...	3	82	82.00	...	12	8	66	16				
450	Loami	70	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	73	73.00	3	5	4	68	5				
451	Bromwell	90	11	...	1	...	12	...	...	1	4	...	5	97	97.00	2	12	8	90	7	10.50			
453	New Hartford	45	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	46	46.00	1	1	1	45	1				
454	Maroa	118	4	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	2	...	3	119	119.00	1	6	3	99	20	253.70			
455	Irving	68	5	1	2	...	8	1	...	2	2	...	5	71	71.00	2	6	6	65	6				
456	Nokomis	155	12	...	4	...	16	...	...	1	2	...	3	168	168.00	14	13	12	139	29	45.00			
458	Blazing Star	56	5	...	...	...	5	5	...	2	...	...	7	54	54.00	...	6	5	54	...				
460	Jeffersonville	31	9	3	1	...	13	...	...	...	2	...	2	42	42.00	1	13	9	37	5	49.00			
461	Plainview	42	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	2	42	42.00	1	2	2	36	6				
462	Tremont	39	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	41	41.00	...	2	2	39	2				
463	Palmyra	81	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	5	...	5	79	79.00	...	...	2	72	7	32.00			
464	Denver	44	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	43	44.00	...	...	...	41	2				
465	Huntsville	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	49	49.00	...	...	...	47	2				
466	Cobden	67	5	2	1	...	8	...	...	1	...	...	1	74	74.00	...	4	5	69	5				
467	South Macon	99	2	1	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	101	101.00	...	2	2	85	16				
468	Cheney's Grove	52	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	52	52.00	...	4	3	46	6				
469	McLean	106	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	3	1	...	4	104	104.00	...	2	2	96	8				
470	Rantoul	84	3	1	1	...	5	...	...	1	1	...	2	87	87.00	...	7	4	73	14				
471	Kendall	104	6	...	1	...	7	...	...	2	...	...	2	109	108.00	3	8	6	97	12	7.75		12.50	
472	Amity	154	6	2	...	...	8	...	...	6	1	...	7	155	155.00	...	10	6	139	16	115.00	5.00		
473	Gordon	42	4	...	...	...	4	1	...	2	...	...	3	43	43.00	...	3	4	38	5				
474	Columbia	83	11	2	1	...	14	...	...	...	1	...	1	96	96.00	8	7	8	80	16				
475	Walshville	20	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	21	21.00	...	...	2	18	3				
476	Manito	50	9	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	..	59	59.00	1	12	11	53	6				
477	Rutland	71	3	1	1	...	5	...	...	4	...	...	4	72	72.00	...	3	3	58	14				
478	Pleiades	1123	132	6	2	...	140	2	...	10	9	...	21	1242	1242.00	12	132	132	1107	135	1355.32	282.85	25.00	25.00
479	Wyoming	122	4	...	1	...	5	3	...	1	2	1	7	120	118.20	2	4	5	110	10				
481	Momence	122	7	...	1	...	8	...	...	2	1	...	3	127	127.00	1	7	7	109	18				
482	Lexington	72	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	2	71	71.00	...	1	1	67	4				
484	Edgewood	61	3	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	1	...	2	62	62.00	...	4	3	57	5				
485	Xenia	49	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	2	49	49.00	1	1	2	45	4				
486	Bowen	77	4	...	...	...	4	6	...	5	2	...	13	68	68.00	1	7	4	61	7				
487	Andrew Jackson	27	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	29	29.00	...	1	1	28	1	10.00			

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Lodge No.	NAME	Membership, 1915	INCREASE				Total Increase	DECREASE				Total Decrease	Present Membership 1916	Dues, 1916	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Membership Residing in Illinois	Members Residing Outside of Ill.	Contributed to Members, their Widows and Orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan	
			Raised	Reinstated	Admitted	Added for Error		Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died	Ded. for Error												
488	Clay City	88	5	...	...	2	7	...	...	...	2	...	2	93	93.00	.	5	5	87	6				
489	Cooper	57	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	3	57	57.00	1	3	3	51	6	30.00			
490	Shannon	62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	62	62.00	1	...	..	49	13				
491	Martin	45	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	3	...	4	44	44.00	...	4	3	33	11				
492	Libertyville	179	12	...	...	...	12	1	...	2	2	...	5	186	186.00	2	18	16	164	22	25.00			
493	Tower Hill	82	2	...	...	5	7	1	...	3	...	...	4	85	85.00	1	6	4	75	10				
495	Stone Fort	69	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	69	69.00	3	1	...	67	2				
496	Colchester	83	11	...	...	1	12	...	...	...	2	...	2	93	93.00	...	15	12	80	13		1.00		
497	Alma	79	5	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	3	...	4	80	80.00	6	4	5	73	7	89.19	2.50	12.00	
498	Murphysboro	146	9	1	3	...	13	6	...	...	6	...	12	147	147.00	1	11	8	127	20	10.00		5.00	5.00
500	St. Paul	364	24	...	4	...	28	...	...	5	7	...	12	380	380.00	8	26	25	347	33	52.89			
501	Stark	39	5	...	...	2	7	...	...	3	2	...	5	41	41.00	...	2	3	32	9				
502	Woodhull	54	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	55	55.00	...	1	2	37	18				
503	Odin	44	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	45	45.00	1	1	1	39	6				
504	East St. Louis	479	67	1	5	...	73	4	...	6	5	...	15	537	537.00	17	69	67	459	78	113.50	15.00	5.00	5.00
505	Meridian Sun	101	9	...	...	...	9	...	...	1	2	...	3	107	107.00	1	9	10	101	6				
506	O. H. Miner	66	8	...	...	...	8	6	...	3	...	...	9	65	65.00	3	10	10	65	...				
508	Home	557	43	4	4	...	51	9	...	12	9	...	30	578	578.00	1	35	32	517	61	223.00	317.90	10.00	10.00
509	Parkersburg	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	33	33.00	1	...	...	30	3				
510	John D. Moody	22	3	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	1	24	24.00	...	1	2	22	2				
512	Wade-Barney	355	25	...	23	...	48	14	...	9	4	...	27	376	376.00	10	33	29	313	63	109.10	26.50		
514	Bradford	54	3	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	57	57.00	1	6	4	55	2				
516	Andalusia	80	11	...	...	...	11	1	...	1	...	...	2	89	89.00	2	12	11	79	10				
517	Litchfield	108	8	...	3	...	11	...	...	1	1	...	2	117	117.00	5	10	9	98	19				
518	Abrah'm Lincoln	108	10	...	1	1	12	2	...	6	3	...	11	109	109.00	2	13	13	92	17				
519	Roseville	84	3	...	2	...	5	...	...	1	1	...	2	87	87.00	5	8	5	73	14				
520	Anna	126	9	1	...	1	11	...	...	1	4	...	5	132	130.00	4	11	10	119	13				
521	Illiopolis	92	3	...	...	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	95	95.00	2	4	3	85	10				
522	Monitor	471	27	4	2	...	33	4	...	6	5	...	15	489	489.00	4	31	26	449	40	108.25	47.00		
523	Chatham	81	2	..	1	...	3	1	...	...	1	...	2	82	82.00	2	4	3	72	10				
524	Evans	543	18	...	6	...	24	...	...	9	7	...	16	551	551.00	8	19	18	490	61	29.81	60.30		
526	Covenant	1055	60	8	3	...	71	7	...	23	12	...	42	1084	1084.00	8	50	54	963	121	1352.57	375.19		
527	Rossville	122	8	1	...	...	9	...	...	6	2	...	8	123	123.00	...	3	3	116	7				

528	Minooka	71	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	3	70	70.00	...	3	2	61	9					
529	Adams	42	1	...	1	...	2	1	...	1	1	...	3	41	41.00	3	3	2	35	6					
530	Maquon	57	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	59	59.00	...	1	1	54	5					
531	Ashton	89	7	...	...	...	7	...	...	2	2	...	4	92	92.00	1	8	7	89	3					
532	Seneca	57	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	2	56	56.00	..	2	1	48	8					
533	Altamont	57	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	4	7	51	51.00	...	..	...	51	...					
534	Cuba	80	7	...	1	...	8	1	...	1	...	1	3	85	85.00	...	10	7	82	3					
535	Sherman	68	5	...	...	1	6	...	...	1	2	...	3	71	71.00	1	6	5	62	9	10.00				
536	Plainfield	129	10	...	...	...	10	...	...	4	1	1	6	133	133.00	2	10	10	127	6					
537	J. R. Gorin	63	2	1	...	...	3	...	...	4	2	...	6	60	60.00	..	4	2	54	6					
538	Lockport	134	7	...	1	...	8	...	...	3	2	...	5	137	137.00	1	6	6	109	28	15.00	30.00			
539	Chatsworth	51	3	1	...	...	4	...	...	2	1	...	3	52	52.00	...	1	4	48	4	10.40				
540	Oak Park	801	54	1	44	2	101	3	...	5	9	...	17	885	885.00	5	55	54	819	66	700.00	389.13	60.00	40.05	
541	Stewardson	21	8	...	2	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	..	31	31.00	2	10	10	30	1					
542	Towanda	46	7	...	1	...	8	...	...	1	1	...	2	52	52.00	...	10	10	47	5					
544	Virginia	113	4	...	1	...	5	...	...	1	4	...	5	113	113.00	...	4	4	101	12					
547	Valley	57	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	2	56	56.00	...	..	...	48	8					
550	Sharon	72	5	...	1	...	6	...	...	2	...	...	2	76	76.00	...	5	5	73	3					
552	Long Point	32	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	2	...	...	2	34	34.00	...	10	5	32	2					
554	Plum River	188	15	...	1	...	16	...	...	2	3	...	5	199	199.00	7	19	18	170	29	75.00	25.00			
555	Humboldt	190	7	...	3	...	10	...	...	1	1	...	2	198	198.00	4	4	3	175	23					
556	Dawson	49	2	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	..	52	51.00	...	1	2	49	3	800.00				
557	Lessing	240	14	...	2	...	16	1	...	1	2	...	4	252	252.00	1	12	13	238	14	160.00	275.00			
558	Leland	54	12	...	1	...	13	1	...	...	...	...	1	66	66.00	3	10	8	57	9	50.00				
559	Thomson	30	1	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	..	33	33.00	...	...	...	31	2					
560	Madison	39	1	...	1	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	2	39	39.00	...	4	2	31	8	6.60				
562	Trinity	120	8	...	2	...	10	...	1	4	2	...	7	123	123.00	1	4	8	106	17		40.00			
564	Winslow	57	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	1	2	59	58.10	1	4	4	49	10	23.00				
565	Pleasant Hill	39	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	40	40.00	...	1	1	36	4					
566	Albany	75	...	1	1	...	2	...	...	4	1	1	6	71	71.00	...	...	...	58	13	9.00	12.00			
567	Frankfort	96	12	...	4	5	21	...	...	2	4	...	6	111	111.00	10	12	12	108	3	5.00	25.00			
569	Time	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	32	32.00	...	...	...	26	6					
570	Jacksonville	189	25	1	5	...	31	...	...	2	3	...	5	215	215.00	5	21	24	180	35	173.93				
572	Bardolph	33	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	1	...	2	35	35.00	...	6	5	31	4					
573	Gardner	127	19	...	...	...	19	...	...	..	1	...	1	145	145.00	...	19	20	135	10					
574	Pera	44	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	..	49	49.00	...	6	4	46	3					
575	Capron	90	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	2	...	3	89	89.00	2	2	2	81	8					
576	O'Fallon	74	6	...	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	..	81	81.00	...	6	6	74	7					
577	Viola	71	6	...	1	...	7	...	...	2	1	...	3	75	75.00	...	5	5	68	7					
578	Prairie City	40	6	...	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	..	47	47.00	...	10	8	37	10					
580	Hazel Dell	49	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	2	...	3	49	49.00	...	4	3	43	6	65.00				
581	Dongola	56	9	2	2	...	13	1	...	...	1	...	2	67	67.00	2	12	11	61	6					
582	Shirley	48	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	2	3	...	5	46	46.00	...	1	2	41	5					
583	Highland	93	4	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	2	...	2	96	96.00	...	5	4	79	17					
584	Vesper	256	21	2	4	...	27	4	...	4	6	...	14	269	269.00	2	22	19	250	19	15.00				
585	Fisher	43	2	1	...	1	4	1	...	2	...	...	3	44	44.00	...	3	2	44	...					
587	Princeton	197	5	1	...	...	6	2	...	1	4	...	7	196	196.00	...	13	8	170	26	20.00				

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			Raised	Reinstated	Admitted	Added for Error		Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died	Ded. for Err'r												
588	Troy	40	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	..	46	46.00	...	5	6	38	8	10.00			
590	Fairmount	70	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	3	1	...	4	69	69.00	1	6	2	61	8				
591	Gilman	103	3	2	2	...	7	7	...	3	1	...	11	99	99.00	1	4	4	89	10				
592	Fieldon	23	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	1	26	26.00	...	5	4	25	1	15.00			
595	Miles Hart	64	3	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	3	...	4	63	63.00	...	2	2	52	11				
600	Cerro Gordo	118	5	...	1	...	6	...	...	2	1	...	3	121	121.00	...	7	6	108	13	25.00			
601	Farina	63	2	...	2	...	4	1	...	1	1	...	3	64	64.00	...	2	2	56	8				
602	Watson	37	1	...	...	3	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	40	40.00	...	2	1	33	7				
603	Clark	140	8	...	2	1	11	...	...	2	3	...	5	146	146.00	...	6	7	130	16				
604	Hebron	93	7	...	...	...	7	1	...	2	1	1	5	95	95.00	...	4	4	86	9				
607	Streator	268	24	1	2	...	27	...	...	5	7	...	12	283	283.00	2	17	20	252	31	125.00			
608	Piper	87	3	...	1	...	4	...	...	3	...	...	3	88	88.00	...	6	4	81	7				
609	Sheldon	106	9	1	1	...	11	...	...	1	...	1	2	115	115.00	...	9	9	95	20				
610	Union Park	1198	64	5	2	...	71	6	1	18	15	...	40	1229	1229.00	14	63	59	1089	140	1185.00		25.00	25.00
611	Lincoln Park	741	35	5	2	...	42	6	...	12	14	...	32	751	751.00	2	36	30	669	82	335.00	74.10	47.62	
612	Rock River	316	29	...	5	...	34	...	...	5	6	...	11	339	339.00	13	35	36	305	34		21.93		
613	Patoka	66	5	1	...	...	6	...	...	...	2	...	2	70	70.00	4	6	5	62	8	14.50	10.41		
614	Forrest	83	11	1	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	1	1	94	94.00	1	13	12	70	24				
616	Wadley	75	10	...	...	...	10	2	...	3	1	...	6	79	79.00	...	15	14	66	13	37.10	8.00		
617	Good Hope	62	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	3	61	61.00	...	3	2	55	6				
618	Basco	18	4	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	1	21	21.00	...	3	4	20	1		1.00		
620	New Hope	24	2	1	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	..	28	28.00	...	1	1	25	3				
622	Hopedale	57	2	1	...	...	3	4	...	1	...	...	5	55	55.00	...	2	2	48	7	28.50			
623	Locust	38	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	2	37	37.00	2	1	1	35	2				
627	Union	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	38	38.00	...	...	...	35	3				
630	Tuscan	60	2	...	1	...	3	1	...	1	1	1	4	59	59.00	...	2	2	56	3	10.00			
631	Norton	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	50	50.00	...	1	...	41	9				
632	Ridge Farm	78	20	2	1	...	23	...	...	6	4	...	10	91	91.00	...	25	21	79	12				
633	E. F. W. Ellis	222	12	...	...	1	13	...	...	3	4	...	7	228	228.00	2	17	18	197	31	85.00	5.00	10.00	
634	Buckley	27	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	27	27.00	1	1	1	27	...		5.00		
635	Rochester	72	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	1	76	76.00	1	5	5	70	6				
636	Peotone	95	2	...	...	...	2	..	...	...	1	...	1	96	96.00	...	5	5	87	9	25.00	10.00		
639	Keystone	679	51	2	...	...	53	...	...	31	8	...	39	693	693.00	24	49	47	640	53	352.00	153.25		
641	Comet	72	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	...	...	1	76	76.00	...	6	5	67	9				

642	Apollo	671	65	3	2	1	71	6	...	49	5	...	60	682	682.00	15	66	67	627	55	476.38	77.00		
643	D. C. Cregier	741	51	2	1	...	54	14	...	8	13	...	35	760	760.00	7	56	52	714	46	996.00	161.00		
644	Oblong City	123	4	...	1	...	5	2	...	1	...	...	3	125	125.00	1	4	4	98	27				25.00
645	San Jose	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	40	40.00	...	3	...	31	9				
646	Somonauk	103	7	...	1	...	8	...	...	2	1	...	3	108	108.00	7	7	7	105	3				
647	Blueville	85	5	...	3	...	8	...	...	1	1	...	2	91	91.00	2	6	6	89	2				
648	Camden	64	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	62	62.00	...	...	...	57	5	59.50	10.00		
651	Atwood	93	3	...	...	...	3	3	...	4	2	...	9	87	87.00	3	4	3	77	10		5.00		
653	Greenview	96	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	2	97	97.00	1	5	4	87	10	16.00	22.00		
655	Yorktown	91	9	...	1	...	10	7	...	...	1	...	8	93	93.00	1	6	8	81	12				
656	Mozart	92	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	5	...	5	92	92.00	2	5	5	87	5	50.00	5.00		
657	Lafayette	34	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	36	36.00	3	...	...	29	7	68.50			
658	Rock Island	337	28	...	6	1	35	...	...	8	3	...	11	361	361.00	6	30	26	307	54	350.00	15.00		
659	Lambert	354	25	1	6	...	32	5	...	4	...	...	9	377	376.00	4	27	25	307	70	63.76			
660	Grand Chain	30	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	30	30.00	...	1	2	25	5				
662	South Park	443	17	3	2	...	22	16	...	10	3	...	29	436	436.00	1	20	17	368	68	10.00	66.90		
664	Mayo	42	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	42	42.00	...	2	2	36	6				
665	Beecher City	39	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	..	45	45.00	4	4	5	42	3				
666	Crawford	76	7	...	...	...	7	4	...	2	4	...	10	73	73.00	...	6	7	64	9	50.00			
667	Erie	86	8	...	2	...	10	...	...	5	1	1	7	89	89.00	...	6	5	78	11				
668	Burnt Prairie	55	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	58	58.00	1	4	4	53	5				
669	Herder	309	21	...	...	...	21	3	...	4	10	...	17	313	313.00	4	19	21	292	21	336.50	93.60		
670	Fillmore	72	...	1	...	...	1	5	...	1	1	...	7	66	66.00	...	...	...	59	7	6.50			
672	Eddyville	36	3	...	1	...	4	...	1	1	1	...	3	37	37.00	2	4	4	32	5	50.00			
673	Normal	119	14	1	...	...	15	...	...	6	...	...	6	128	128.00	6	10	13	108	20				
674	Waldeck	343	30	...	...	...	30	...	...	2	6	...	8	365	365.00	2	27	30	346	19	205.00	65.00	5.00	
675	Pawnee	149	5	1	2	...	8	2	...	...	2	...	4	153	153.00	1	5	4	143	10				
676	A. O. Fay	315	14	...	2	...	16	6	...	48	1	...	55	276	276.00	3	13	14	196	80	370.00	25.00	25.00	
677	Enfield	73	10	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	1	...	1	82	82.00	...	9	9	72	10	11.00			
679	Buffalo Prairie	102	3	...	1	...	4	4	...	...	1	...	5	101	101.00	1	1	1	92	9				
680	Clement	64	4	...	2	...	6	...	...	1	1	...	2	68	68.00	...	5	4	64	4				
681	Morrisonville	84	2	...	1	1	4	...	...	2	...	...	2	86	85.00	...	2	2	73	13				
682	Blue Mound	96	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	1	...	2	98	98.00	...	6	7	93	5	30.00	18.00		
683	Burnside	86	7	...	2	...	9	...	...	2	2	...	4	91	91.00	...	9	8	78	13	34.00			
684	Galatia	51	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	51	51.00	...	1	1	48	3	10.00		5.00	5.00
685	Rio	92	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	4	1	...	5	89	89.00	...	2	2	79	10		13.50		
686	Garfield	1037	72	8	3	...	83	7	...	15	16	...	38	1082	1082.00	7	76	74	986	96	753.46	175.00	10.00	10.00
687	Orangeville	64	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	2	63	63.00	...	...	...	53	10	5.50			
688	Clifton	62	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	..	68	68.00	1	3	5	66	2				
690	Englewood	1025	53	2	3	...	58	13	...	16	14	...	43	1040	1040.00	3	58	59	839	201	196.58	350.00		
691	Iola	24	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	...	5	19	19.00	...	...	...	15	4				
692	Raymond	80	5	2	1	...	8	...	...	1	2	...	3	85	85.00	1	6	5	78	7				
693	Herrin's Prairie	228	18	1	5	...	24	...	...	6	1	...	7	245	245.00	3	20	19	236	9	100.00			
695	Shiloh Hill	36	1	...	2	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	38	38.00	...	...	...	30	8				
696	Belle Rive	43	10	...	...	2	12	...	...	...	1	...	1	54	54.00	1	5	7	46	8	16.75			
697	Richard Cole	599	29	1	2	...	32	6	...	26	10	...	42	589	589.00	10	30	31	531	58	907.65	54.95		
698	Hutton	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	47	47.00	...	...	...	43	4				
700	Pleasant Plains	68	9	...	2	...	11	2	...	3	...	1	6	73	72.00	...	6	9	68	5				

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Lodge No.	NAME	Membership, 1915	INCREASE				Total Increase	DECREASE				Total Decrease	Present Membership 1916	Dues, 1916	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Membership Residing in Illinois	Members Residing Outside of Ill.	Contributed to Members, their Widows and Orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan	
			Raised	Reinstated	Admitted	Added for Error		Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died	Ded. for Error												
701	Temple Hill	33	...	...	...	2	2	2	...	1	1	...	4	31	31.00	...	...	...	31	...				
702	Alexandria	82	3	...	...	...	3	4	...	4	...	...	8	77	77.00	...	3	3	74	3				
704	Braidwood	228	8	...	...	...	8	...	...	1	8	...	9	227	227.00	5	11	10	193	34				
705	Ewing	46	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	47	47.00	...	...	1	44	3				
706	Joppa	86	2	2	1	...	5	...	...	19	...	...	19	72	72.00	...	3	3	64	8	21.00			
709	Star	181	11	...	4	...	15	1	...	4	2	...	7	189	189.00	6	15	11	178	11	12.00	21.35		
710	Farmer City	67	6	1	...	...	7	...	...	1	1	...	2	72	72.00	1	9	8	64	8				
711	Providence	457	52	2	3	...	57	...	...	12	4	...	16	498	498.00	3	36	42	479	19	246.25			
712	Collinsville	146	6	...	1	...	7	...	...	1	3	1	5	148	148.00	3	7	5	126	22				
713	Johnsonville	51	1	2	1	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	54	54.00	1	...	...	45	9				
714	Collison	95	6	...	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	..	102	102.00	...	4	6	91	11				
715	Elvaston	28	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	28	28.00	1	...	1	23	5				
716	Calumet	336	27	...	2	...	29	...	...	4	2	...	6	359	359.00	30	31	35	340	19				
717	Arcana	844	56	5	2	...	63	8	...	19	8	...	35	872	872.00	21	62	51	806	66	759.95	176.60	25.00	25.00
718	May	42	6	1	...	...	7	3	...	1	3	...	7	42	42.00	1	6	6	34	3				
719	Chapel Hill	27	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	26	26.00	...	...	...	26	...				
721	Rome	35	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	35	35.00	...	2	2	31	4				
722	Walnut	111	8	...	1	1	10	1	...	...	1	...	2	119	119.00	...	11	9	103	16	35.00			
723	Omaha	41	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	41	41.00	...	7	5	36	5				
724	Chandlerville	94	14	...	...	...	14	...	...	3	...	...	3	105	105.00	1	13	15	91	14	55.00			
725	Rankin	70	6	2	1	1	10	...	...	...	2	4	6	74	74.00	1	12	7	64	10				
726	Golden Rule	940	42	6	3	...	51	10	...	15	15	...	40	951	951.00	2	38	39	827	124	1124.41	394.20	10.00	
727	Raritan	35	2	...	2	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	38	38.00	...	1	2	35	3				
728	Waterman	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	3	33	33.00	...	...	...	32	1				
729	Lake Creek	85	8	1	1	1	11	3	...	1	3	...	7	89	89.00	2	8	9	86	3				
730	Eldorado	115	15	...	2	3	20	5	...	3	1	...	9	126	126.00	7	16	16	114	12	199.51			
731	Harbor	572	21	1	5	...	27	7	...	6	6	...	19	580	580.00	5	29	27	489	91	98.00	28.60		
732	Carman	27	3	...	...	...	3	6	...	...	...	...	6	24	24.00	...	2	3	24	...	50.00			
733	Gibson	130	15	...	1	...	16	3	...	2	2	...	7	139	139.00	...	14	14	123	16	50.00	5.00		
734	Morning Star	284	21	2	1	...	24	4	1	2	9	...	16	292	292.00	11	26	20	278	14	47.50			
735	Sheridan	93	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	2	94	94.00	2	4	3	81	13				
737	Arrowsmith	46	...	1	1	1	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	48	48.00	1	...	...	46	2		25.00		
738	Saunemin	84	4	...	2	1	7	...	...	2	1	...	3	88	88.00	...	1	1	75	13				
739	Lakeside	469	43	1	2	...	46	7	...	7	7	...	21	494	493.00	4	47	38	435	59	25.00	188.40	5.00	5.00

741	New Holland	34			1		1			1			1	34	34.00		2	2	32	2				
742	Danvers	64	8				8	2		3	1		6	66	66.00		7	7	60	6				
743	Scott Land	50	3				3			2			2	51	51.00	1	5	3	37	14				
744	Goode	102	11				11		1	1	1		3	110	110.00	10	9	10	106	4	50.00			
745	Winnebago	62	4		1		5				1		1	66	66.00	1	8	4	61	5				
746	Weldon	56	8		1		9							65	65.00	1	2	8	63	2				
747	Centennial	58	1		1		2	1		2		1	4	56	56.00		1	1	44	12				
748	Alta	89	2		1		3	5	1		2		8	84	84.00				73	11				
749	Akin	78	6				6			1	1		2	82	82.00	1	8	6	77	5	65.00			
750	Lyndon	57	1	2			3	2		3			5	55	55.00		1	2	45	10	26.10			
751	Lounsbury	98	4		1		5			5			5	98	98.00		4	4	94	4				
752	Allendale	45	1				1			1	1		2	44	44.00		4	2	43	1				
754	Ogden	101	4	1	1		6	4		3	1		8	99	99.00		5	4	87	12				
755	Preemption	77	2		3	3	8	6			1		7	78	78.00	2	4	2	67	11	24.00			
756	Hardinville	111	4				4	1		1			2	113	113.00		3	4	64	49	50.00			
757	Verona	76	3				3				1		1	78	78.00	1	4	3	72	6				
758	Mystic Star	992	72	1			73	9		14	12	1	36	1029	1024.50	20	84	77	897	132	581.00	60.65		
759	Orel	70	3				3			1			1	72	72.00		4	3	64	8				
761	Sibley	46	2				2				1		1	47	47.00		1	2	38	9			5.00	5.00
762	Van Meter	97	6		1		7	2			1		3	101	101.00	4	4	6	92	9	50.00			
763	Crete	83	5	3	1		9			3		1	4	88	88.00		7	6	73	15				
764	Sullivan	206	5		5		10			4	6		10	206	206.00	3	9	6	187	19	10.00			
765	Palace	470	15	1	1		17	3		9	3		15	472	471.00	1	18	17	418	54	31.00	55.50	25.00	
766	Littleton	27									1		1	26	26.00		1		25	1				
767	Triluminar	511	36	1	2		39	2		7	2		11	539	539.00	6	51	47	463	76	117.00	20.00		
768	Mizpah	854	75	2	4		81	6	1	9	7		23	912	911.00	11	76	79	814	98	206.88	192.65	25.00	25.00
769	St. Elmo	89	7		1		8							97	96.00		10	7	90	7				
770	La Grange	314	24		10		34	9		9	3		21	327	327.00	7	27	24	307	20	335.25		10.00	
771	Bay City	23	2				2				1		1	24	24.00		2		20	4	10.00			
772	New Burnside	34	2		1		3			1	1		2	35	35.00		2	2	31	4				
773	Mansfield	56								1	1		2	54	54.00				50	4	36.00			
774	Lake View	990	86	3	5		94	10		24	6		40	1044	1044.00	10	85	84	964	80	474.83	234.00	25.00	25.00
776	Grand Crossing	692	38	1	4	2	45	6		14	8		28	709	709.00	6	44	39	632	77	429.75	144.10		
777	Ravenswood	629	61		5		66	2		17	7		26	669	669.00	2	71	67	599	70	719.75	122.70		
778	Gurney	51	1		1		2	2		4			6	47	47.00			1	44	3				
779	Wright's Grove	676	65		2		67	3		27	10		40	703	701.00	3	70	66	656	47	450.00	170.00	60.00	10.00
780	Siloam	659	52	2	2		56	4		7	7		18	697	696.00	7	62	57	609	88	706.23			
782	Potomac	87	13	2			15			2	1		3	99	99.00	4	17	14	91	8		25.00		
783	Constantia	363	30				30	2		12	7		21	372	372.00		29	30	343	29	362.00	25.00		
784	Beacon Light	214	18		2		20	5		55	4		64	170	170.00		14	15	155	15	218.55	15.70	5.00	
786	Riverton Union	84	6		1		7			2	2		4	87	87.00	6	2	6	80	7				
787	Morris	109	2		1		3				1		1	111	111.00	1	2	2	97	14				
788	Lerna	63	1		1		2			2			2	63	63.00	1	1	2	55	8				
789	Auburn Park	591	39	3	10		52	8		20	11		39	604	604.00	4	52	48	561	43	702.50	59.65		
790	Pittsfield	120	8		2		10				3		3	127	127.00		9	8	112	15				
791	Broadlands	75	4				4			3			3	76	76.00		4	3	62	14		3.00		
792	Calhoun	54	3	1			4			1	1		2	56	56.00		4	3	49	7				
793	A. T. Darrah	48	7				7			2			2	53	53.00		7	7	47	6				

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Lodge No.	NAME	Membership, 1915	INCREASE				Total Increase	DECREASE					Total Decrease	Present Membership 1916	Dues, 1916	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Membership Residing in Illinois	Members Residing Outside of Ill.	Contributed to Members or their Widows and Orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan
			Raised	Reinstated	Admitted	Added for Error		Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died	Ded. for Error												
794	Tadmor	22	...	1	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	3	20	20.00	...	...	...	19	1	8.00			
795	Myrtle	523	49	3	14	...	66	2	...	7	2	...	11	578	578.00	6	51	43	517	61	106.00	106.05		
796	E. M. Husted	103	9	...	...	...	9	...	...	1	3	...	4	108	108.00	...	10	9	96	12				
797	Normal Park	863	84	1	18	...	103	1	...	7	9	...	17	949	949.00	4	86	87	834	115	287.98	85.00		
798	Sidell	72	9	...	1	...	10	...	...	...	1	...	1	81	81.00	2	11	10	78	3	23.00			
799	Colfax	86	4	...	...	...	4	1	...	3	...	...	4	86	86.00	3	6	5	79	7				
800	Kenwood	784	42	1	3	...	46	11	...	18	6	...	35	795	795.00	4	41	39	663	132	638.32	39.20		
801	Sangamon	64	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	2	1	...	3	65	65.00	...	5	5	54	11	15.00			
802	Williamson	117	9	...	2	6	17	...	...	...	1	...	1	133	133.00	8	7	7	102	31	120.00			
803	Neponset	56	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	3	2	...	5	55	55.00	1	4	4	54	1				
804	Kensington	446	9	2	1	...	12	2	...	4	...	...	6	452	452.00	1	10	10	403	49	216.30	37.30	15.00	
805	S. M. Dalzell	139	4	1	3	...	8	...	...	2	...	...	2	145	145.00	1	12	14	136	9				
806	Nebo	59	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	3	...	4	56	56.00	1	3	2	51	5				
807	Royal	45	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	..	50	50.00	...	4	5	48	2	2.00			
808	Cornland	74	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	4	74	74.00	...	5	4	66	8				
809	Gilham	54	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	..	57	57.00	...	3	2	50	7				
810	Tracy	314	22	2	8	...	32	1	...	4	3	...	8	338	338.00	...	17	19	305	33	46.00	228.35		
811	Melvin	58	9	...	1	2	12	...	...	2	...	...	2	68	68.00	2	11	9	59	9				
812	De Land	36	2	...	2	...	4	...	...	1	...	2	3	37	37.00	...	6	3	34	3				
813	Humboldt Park	835	82	3	3	...	88	16	...	21	4	...	41	882	882.00	9	77	69	811	71	1058.22			
814	Ohio	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	24	24.00	...	...	...	24	...				
815	Lawn	329	25	4	2	...	31	8	...	4	3	...	15	345	345.00	5	22	27	320	25	125.00	32.00		
816	Ridgway	52	5	...	2	...	7	...	...	1	1	1	3	56	56.00	1	3	4	52	4				
817	Creal Springs	78	5	1	1	1	8	3	...	2	...	...	5	81	81.00	...	5	5	72	9	31.00			
818	Ben Hur	502	49	...	...	1	50	1	...	2	4	...	7	545	545.00	9	59	56	520	25	150.00	10.00	10.00	
819	Columbian	603	70	3	4	...	77	...	...	11	7	...	18	662	662.00	13	67	71	618	44	300.00	104.20	10.00	10.00
820	Henderson	76	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	..	79	79.00	2	9	4	67	12	75.00			
821	New Canton	70	5	...	...	...	5	3	...	1	...	...	4	71	71.00	1	5	5	70	1				
822	Belknap	77	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	79	79.00	...	1	2	71	8	25.00			
823	Pearl	75	11	...	...	...	11	4	...	...	1	2	7	79	79.00	1	13	11	68	11				
824	Grove	232	12	...	5	...	17	...	...	...	1	2	3	246	246.00	2	12	14	213	33	50.00			
825	Arthur	79	13	...	1	...	14	...	...	...	1	...	1	92	92.00	3	16	13	81	11	12.00			
826	Mazon	108	15	...	...	...	15	...	...	2	1	...	3	120	120.00	2	11	10	110	10				
827	Sequoit	84	4	...	1	1	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	89	89.00	1	8	5	83	6				

829	Edgar	81	12	1	...	...	13	...	...	1	2	...	3	91	91.00	...	9	9	83	8	40.00			
830	Rockport	71	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	2	...	4	69	69.00	2	3	2	52	17				
831	Findlay	96	4	2	1	...	7	...	...	6	...	...	6	97	97.00	1	5	5	83	14				
832	Harvey	284	37	...	7	...	44	...	...	2	2	...	4	324	324.00	14	35	32	290	34	65.00	19.20		
833	Dean	41	15	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	..	56	56.00	...	14	13	52	4	14.75			
834	Toledo	77	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	2	76	76.00	1	4	1	63	13				
835	Triple	87	13	...	...	...	13	2	...	2	1	...	5	95	95.00	2	13	11	74	21	62.00	22.82		
836	Windsor Park	421	29	...	7	...	36	2	...	7	2	...	11	446	446.00	5	25	27	383	63	100.00			
837	Hindsboro	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	3	97	97.00	1	2	1	86	11				
838	Charity	39	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	..	42	42.00	...	5	5	39	3				
839	Berwyn	234	18	...	3	...	21	1	...	5	2	...	8	247	247.00	1	14	16	228	19	100.00			
840	Alto Pass	56	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	58	58.00	...	6	2	51	7				
841	Woodlawn Park	778	48	...	12	...	60	...	...	24	6	...	30	808	807.00	4	57	52	701	107	555.76	93.20	15.00	
842	Fides	261	13	...	3	...	16	6	...	5	3	...	14	263	263.00	...	15	13	234	29	327.00	18.05	5.00	
843	Park	506	37	2	13	...	52	1	...	20	3	...	24	534	534.00	...	38	42	486	48	100.00			
845	Martinton	43	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	2	...	5	39	39.00	...	1	1	33	6				
846	Bluffs	50	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	1	...	3	50	50.00	2	1	1	47	3				
847	Stronghurst	67	3	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	2	68	68.00	...	6	3	60	8	10.00			
848	London	39	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	41	41.00	...	6	3	37	4				
849	Palestine	92	3	1	1	...	5	...	...	2	2	...	4	93	93.00	...	6	4	83	10				
850	Austin	894	77	2	32	...	111	9	...	14	11	...	34	971	971.00	4	86	78	914	57	83.26	282.70	25.00	25.00
851	Chicago Heights	304	16	...	1	...	17	5	...	4	5	...	14	307	307.00	4	21	14	278	29				
852	Gothic	457	63	2	10	...	75	...	...	3	2	...	5	527	527.00	24	81	69	451	76	235.65	186.97	10.00	10.00
853	Latham	47	3	...	2	...	5	...	...	2	...	...	2	50	50.00	...	3	3	45	5				
854	Brighton Park	400	29	1	...	...	30	5	...	7	2	...	14	416	416.00	4	30	29	384	32		92.30	25.00	
855	King Oscar	734	99	...	2	...	101	6	...	6	8	...	20	815	815.00	3	103	110	791	24	260.00	25.00	10.00	
856	West Gate	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	44	44.00	...	1	2	36	8				
857	Boyd D	81	7	1	1	...	9	...	...	1	2	...	3	87	87.00	...	5	7	75	12	24.00			
858	Utica	42	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	43	43.00	...	...	...	39	4	10.00			
859	Apple River	57	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	..	61	61.00	...	4	4	56	5				
860	Metropolitan	565	55	1	7	...	63	...	...	13	3	...	16	612	612.00	11	53	60	564	48	133.75	115.00		38.33
861	Sorento	27	4	...	1	...	5	...	...	1	...	...	1	31	31.00	...	6	4	31	...				
862	Riverside	133	7	1	3	...	11	4	...	2	...	...	6	138	138.00	...	10	12	126	12	80.40	16.10		
863	St. Andrews	455	33	...	3	...	36	6	...	9	7	...	22	469	469.00	8	41	38	408	61	719.30	6.00	10.00	
864	Olympia	506	31	2	1	...	34	13	...	42	3	...	58	482	482.00	7	32	30	428	54	105.50	25.30		
865	St. Cecilia	416	22	...	4	...	26	1	...	6	4	...	11	431	431.00	15	27	24	391	40	242.71	42.00	10.00	10.00
866	West Salem	57	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	6	51	51.00	...	...	...	42	9				
867	Chadwick	80	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	83	83.00	3	5	4	78	5				
868	Cornell	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	4	25	25.00	...	...	...	23	2				
869	Maywood	363	34	...	4	1	39	1	...	5	5	...	11	391	391.00	13	43	35	352	39	142.80	155.15		
870	Lostant	58	6	...	2	...	8	...	...	3	1	...	4	62	62.00	...	7	6	60	2				
871	Argenta	77	2	...	0	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	3	76	76.00	1	3	1	72	4				
872	Free Will	62	8	...	...	...	8	2	...	...	...	...	2	68	68.00	1	7	9	63	5				
873	Standard	623	50	4	5	...	59	11	...	9	6	...	26	656	655.00	4	40	43	593	63	120.00	125.00		
874	Nifong	39	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	2	37	37.00	...	2	1	32	5				
875	Cornerstone	340	41	...	2	...	43	3	...	9	6	...	18	365	365.00	4	42	40	337	28	188.25	56.50	10.00	
876	Wm. McKinley	444	45	1	2	...	48	...	...	5	4	...	9	483	483.00	9	40	41	432	51	375.70	40.00	10.00	10.00
877	Granite City	217	37	...	5	...	42	...	...	1	...	...	1	258	258.00	20	41	38	239	19	66.50	10.00		

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Lodge No.	NAME	Membership, 1915	INCREASE				Total Increase	DECREASE					Total Decrease	Present Membership 1916	Dues, 1916	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Membership Residing in Illinois	Members Residing Outside of Ill.	Contributed to Members, their Widows and Orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan
			Raised	Reinstated	Admitted	Added for Error		Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died	Ded. for Error												
878	Equity	633	31	2	...	...	33	17	1	21	6	...	45	621	621.00	8	31	31	566	55	189.50	112.50	25.00	
879	Composite	383	43	1	1	...	45	1	...	9	3	...	13	415	414.00	3	40	42	374	41	315.00	38.85	25.00	
880	John B. Sherman	515	33	...	4	...	37	1	1	6	2	...	10	542	542.00	24	47	39	498	44	108.00	192.63		
881	Marissa	62	4	...	1	...	5	2	...	4	1	...	7	60	60.00	...	7	5	50	10	50.00			
882	Boulevard	870	66	...	1	1	68	...	...	10	6	...	16	922	922.00	16	70	71	851	71	631.60	191.40		
883	Wheeler	29	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	31	31.00	...	3	3	28	3				
884	Bethany	64	4	...	2	...	6	...	...	...	2	...	2	68	68.00	1	8	9	60	8				
885	Villa Grove	113	14	...	3	...	17	...	1	1	1	...	3	127	127.00	8	14	15	121	6				
886	Hooppole	21	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	23	23.00	1	9	5	22	1				
887	Pyramid	82	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	1	86	86.00	3	5	5	69	17	25.00			
888	Damascus	375	39	1	9	...	49	1	...	17	3	...	21	403	401.00	6	43	42	359	44	245.00	80.25		
889	America	508	54	...	4	...	58	1	...	8	7	...	16	550	550.00	4	66	63	506	44	1038.00	135.00	10.00	10.00
890	DesPlaines	147	19	...	1	...	20	...	...	10	2	...	12	155	155.00	4	17	20	144	11	53.00	10.00		10.00
891	Logan Square	505	68	1	1	...	70	8	1	10	4	...	23	552	551.00	8	62	64	516	36	451.15	75.25		
892	Constellation	600	119	...	1	...	120	4	...	19	3	1	27	693	693.00	13	127	123	652	41	700.00		25.00	
893	Loraine	50	5	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	1	...	2	53	53.00	...	5	5	47	6				
894	Utopia	260	15	1	1	...	17	...	...	5	2	1	8	269	268.00	...	16	15	251	18	162.00	108.55		
895	Crescent	507	53	...	1	...	54	...	...	17	...	...	17	544	544.00	20	51	49	509	35	280.30	154.40	35.00	35.00
896	Kosmos	376	32	2	...	...	34	8	...	59	2	...	69	341	341.00	7	31	30	316	25	207.00	95.30	10.00	
897	Ogden Park	489	59	...	1	...	60	3	...	2	5	...	10	539	539.00	8	59	56	519	20	400.00			
898	Silvis	116	22	...	3	1	26	...	...	4	...	...	4	138	138.00	7	24	22	100	38	15.00			
899	Park Manor	388	26	...	...	...	26	4	...	6	3	...	13	401	401.00	3	33	30	373	28	85.00	170.00		
900	Carnation	413	38	1	1	...	40	15	...	9	4	...	28	425	425.00	6	35	42	364	61	519.61	16.00	10.00	
901	Edgewater	580	79	...	6	...	85	...	...	19	9	...	28	637	637.00	6	74	68	600	37	60.00	69.00	25.00	
902	Alto	38	7	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	1	1	44	44.00	1	5	6	42	2				
903	Elkhart	52	10	...	2	...	12	...	...	1	3	...	4	60	60.00	...	10	10	55	5				
904	Carlock	65	6	...	...	...	6	1	...	1	...	...	2	69	69.00	2	4	6	67	2			10.00	10.00
905	Hanover	44	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	47	47.00	4	2	3	37	9				
906	Coffeen	36	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	2	...	...	2	39	39.00	2	5	5	37	2				
907	Ancient Craft	384	53	1	7	...	61	2	...	8	1	...	11	434	434.00	16	43	55	403	31		248.00	50.00	25.00
908	Gil. W. Barnard	156	9	...	...	...	9	...	...	19	1	...	20	145	144.00	...	12	11	134	11	85.00			
909	Bee Hive	362	85	...	...	4	89	6	1	17	2	...	26	425	425.00	17	95	88	409	16	100.00	75.00	25.00	25.00
910	Hull	60	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	62	62.00	...	2	2	47	15				
911	Bellflower	42	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	43	43.00	...	1	1	43	...				

912	Stellar	55	4		1	1	6			1			1	60	60.00		4	4	55	5				
913	Aaron	274	17		1		18		1	2	2		5	287	287.00	3	19	18	272	15	82.31	34.85		
914	Republic	197	29		6		35				2		2	230	230.00		30	28	215	15		32.85	5.00	5.00
915	Jackson Park	324	30	2			32			6	3	2	11	345	345.00	2	33	30	330	15	103.95	87.50		
916	Welcome	292	32				32	5		4	1		10	314	314.00	3	36	33	272	42	40.41	43.80	15.00	15.00
917	Concord	254	28		1		29	3		6	6		15	268	268.00	7	26	26	239	29	168.53	15.00		
918	Sesser	55	7				7							62	62.00	2	4	5	56	6				
919	Elwood	53	2				2			1			1	54	54.00	1	3		52	2				
920	Cottonwood	33						3					3	30	30.00				28	2				
921	Avondale	287	33				33	1		7	3		11	309	309.00	3	32	27	295	14	146.49	29.35	15.00	15.00
922	Compass	195	21		3		24	1		8			9	210	210.00		24	25	197	13	25.00	60.95	10.00	
923	East Gate	418	59		1		60	2		16	4		22	456	456.00	19	56	60	435	21	800.75	100.00	25.00	
924	Banner Blue	370	37		1		38	4		3	2		9	399	399.00		38	39	381	18	175.00	100.00	10.00	10.00
925	Molenna	46	1				7			6			6	47	47.00		11	7	45	2				
926	Veritas	669	49		2		51	3		4	6	1	14	706	706.00	18	44	43	678	28	651.35	191.90	25.00	25.00
927	Candida	299	28		2	1	31	10		14	2		26	304	304.00	2	35	33	291	13	125.00	25.00	10.00	
928	Grant Park	37	3				3							40	40.00		2	2	39	1				
929	Ashland	44	5		2		7	1					1	50	50.00	1	6	5	49	1				
930	Joseph Robbins	106	13				13			2	1		3	116	116.00	5	14	15	115	1	25.00			
931	Wilmette	313	28		23		51			6	1		7	357	357.00	3	26	29	348	9	72.55	31.30		
932	Sandoval	69	5				5	1					1	73	73.00	2	3	4	65	8				
933	Manlius	43	5				5	1		2	2		5	43	43.00		4	5	40	3				
934	Hinsdale	146	8		4		12			1	5		6	152	152.00		11	7	144	8				
935	LaMoine	26	6				6							32	32.00		7	7	31	1				
936	Rock Falls	109	12		1		13			1	1		2	120	120.00		15	14	110	10				
937	North Shore	545	60		13		73			14	3		17	601	601.00		65	63	571	30	388.55	200.00		
938	Circle	167	49		11		60			2		1	3	224	224.00	11	50	56	217	7	130.00	68.35		10.00
939	Table Grove	47	3				3			1			1	49	49.00		3	3	45	4				
940	Pleasant View	37	1			2	3				1		1	39	39.00		9	9	38	1				
941	Elmhurst	151	21		2		23			1			1	173	173.00	3	25	24	171	2				
942	Maple Park	33	1				1				1		1	33	33.00		2	1	32	1				
943	Bohemia	303	52		3		55							358	358.00	7	67	61	357	1	100.00	100.00	25.00	25.00
944	John C. Smith	253	62		1		63	3		18	2		23	293	293.00	39	65	64	281	12	100.00	67.65	15.00	15.00
945	Buffalo	41	4				4			2			2	43	43.00	1	7	7	41	2				
946	Joy	66	2				2							68	68.00	3	15	8	64	4				
947	Kenmore	93	26		1		27	1		2			3	117	117.00	4	29	28	111	6	25.00	24.65	5.00	10.00
948	R. F. Casey	28								1			1	27	27.00				27					
949	Justice	337	43		2		45			16	4		20	362	362.00	9	39	39	340	22	300.00	75.00	10.00	10.00
950	Glen Ellyn	111	7		2		9			2	1		3	117	117.00	4	10	7	112	5		25.00		
951	Depue	44	6				6			3			3	47	47.00	1	7	7	43	4				
952	Donovan	40	1		1		2			2			2	40	40.00		1		36	4				
953	Stone Arch	23	1		1		2							25	25.00	1	2	3	25					
954	Progressive	182	50				50	1					1	231	231.00	5	56	48	221	10	108.50	108.56	10.00	10.00
955	Cicero	114	29		2	1	32			1	1		2	144	144.00	14	39	29	138	6			35.50	35.50
956	Washi'gt'n Park	250	61				61			1	1		2	309	309.00	4	56	54	305	4	95.00	201.85	10.00	10.00
957	Prospect	98	27		1		28	1			1		2	124	124.00	10	41	33	121	3		15.00		

TABULAR STATEMENT—*Showing Amount of Dues, Number of Members, Increase, Decrease, and Amount of Charity.*

Lodge No.	NAME	Membership, 1915	INCREASE				Total Increase	DECREASE					Total Decrease	Present Membership 1916	Dues, 1916	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Membership Residing in Illinois	Members Residing Outside of Ill.	Contributed to Members, their Widows and Orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Orphans Home	Contributed to Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan
			Raised	Reinstated	Admitted	Added for Error		Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died	Ded. for Error												
958	Prudence	226	81	...	3	1	85	...	...	1	...	...	1	310	310.00	21	78	71	301	9	10.00	112.50	25.00	10.00
959	Warrensburg	36	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	41	41.00	1	10	11	36	5				
960	Algonquin	42	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	..	46	46.00	2	5	5	43	3		10.00		
961	Federal	105	29	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	..	134	134.00	4	28	26	130	4	24.00	28.00		
962	Ben Franklin	320	64	...	4	...	68	...	...	8	1	...	9	379	379.00	2	52	56	368	11	630.10	51.00	25.00	35.00
963	Broughton	28	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	28	28.00	...	2	2	28	...				
964	Maplewood	109	24	...	1	...	25	...	...	1	1	...	2	132	132.00	1	24	23	130	2				
965	Cisco	33	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	..	36	36.00	1	2	3	36	...				
966	Exemplar	186	26	...	12	...	38	5	...	9	2	...	16	208	208.00	1	25	28	201	7	20.00		10.00	20.00
967	Dahlgren	26	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	26	26.00	...	3	2	22	4				
968	South Gate	65	14	...	1	...	15	...	...	...	1	...	1	79	79.00	...	19	17	75	4			6.50	
969	East Moline	64	11	...	3	...	14	...	...	1	...	...	1	77	77.00	2	12	11	74	3				
970	St. Joseph	51	9	...	2	...	11	...	...	1	...	...	1	61	61.00	...	6	9	57	4				
971	Fernwood Park	76	8	...	2	...	10	...	...	...	1	1	2	84	84.00	2	10	9	81	3	171.60	25.50		
972	Rainbow	120	33	...	4	...	37	...	...	1	2	...	3	154	154.00	1	47	36	145	9	14.00	60.00		
973	Perseverance	111	40	...	9	...	49	...	...	...	...	...	..	160	160.00	3	41	43	152	8	415.50			
974	Albany Park	104	37	...	11	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	..	152	152.00	3	33	35	152	...	20.00			13.20
975	Old Glory	168	50	...	7	...	57	...	...	...	...	...	..	225	225.00	4	48	42	221	4		25.00		
976	Melrose Abbey	113	16	...	13	...	29	...	...	1	...	...	1	141	141.00	1	17	16	134	7				
977	Parian	114	26	...	4	...	30	...	...	...	1	...	1	143	143.00	4	21	23	138	5	50.00	19.60		
978	Square	67	12	...	...	...	12	...	...	1	...	...	1	78	78.00	1	13	15	78	...	15.00			
979	Stephen Decatur	151	33	...	4	...	37	...	...	3	...	...	3	185	185.00	2	45	35	178	7	8.00	21.60		
980	Anchor	74	7	...	1	...	8	...	...	1	2	...	3	79	79.00	2	26	11	74	5		36.00		
981	Trowel	69	28	...	...	...	28	...	...	...	1	...	1	96	96.00	6	30	32	95	1	150.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
982	Sincerity	296	44	...	6	...	50	...	...	...	1	...	1	345	345.00	6	51	46	343	2	25.00	40.10	10.00	10.00
983	Glencoe	108	8	...	14	...	22	...	...	...	...	1	1	129	129.00	1	13	11	126	3				
984	Emblem	132	29	...	2	...	31	...	...	...	...	...	..	163	163.00	11	33	28	161	2				
985	Universal	110	17	...	7	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	..	134	134.00	8	18	16	131	3				
986	Brotherhood	308	67	...	18	...	85	...	...	...	3	...	3	390	390.00	9	148	138	381	9	62.00	203.90	15.00	30.80
987	Cyrene	90	11	...	1	...	12	...	...	2	1	...	3	99	99.00	1	17	12	95	4	45.00			
988	Park Ridge	125	2	...	3	...	5	...	...	1	1	2	4	126	126.00	1	2	1	124	2				
989	Hyde Park	111	24	...	3	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	..	138	138.00	4	25	26	138	...		24.35		
990	Clover Leaf	24	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	25	25.00	3	9	7	25	...				
991	Welfare	67	40	...	5	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	..	112	112.00	6	47	41	110	2		5.00	10.00	

992	Niagrara	26	68	...	47	...	115	...	...	...	...	...	..	141	115.00	2	71	69		...				
993	Leyden	19	15	..	27	...	42	...	...	...	...	...	..	61	42.00	7	28	27		...				
994	True Blue	18	27	...	29	...	56	...	...	...	...	...	..	74	56.00	4	31	30		...				
995	Lawndale	105	52	...	2	...	54	...	...	...	...	...	..	159	54.00	15	53	52		..				
996	Sunrise	48	31	...	31	...	66	...	...	...	...	...	..	114	31.00	8	37	35		...				
997	Integrity	103	32	..	3	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	..	138	35.00	...	35	32		...				
998	Paul Revere	71	31	...	24	...	55	...	...	...	...	...	..	126	24.00	2	31	31		...				
999	Morgan Park	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	22.00	...	..	...		...				
1000	Baylis	31	4	...	2	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	..	37	6.00	...	4	4		...				
UD	Fortitude	...	..	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	4.00	...	...	...		...				
1001	Wayfarers	41	4	...	34	...	38							79	38.00	2	9	4						
1002	Portage Park	82	6	...	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	..	89	7.00	1	7	6		...				

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS—Adopted.

Code No. 643, as adopted, reads as follows:

643. Every lodge under dispensation shall pay one dollar Grand Lodge dues annually for every Master Mason whose name is upon the dispensation, who is not a member of a chartered lodge in Illinois.

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